

Dream Interpretation

*Discovering the divine
messages within your dreams*

Guidelines,
Examples, Assignments
and a Comprehensive Dream
Dictionary

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FORWARD

The Lord is commissioning and releasing His bride in an unprecedented fashion that has not existed in previous generations, raising up ministries and resources for the hands-on, practical equipping of all believers. This manual is truly a resource that God has released with this purpose in mind. Gary is one of the best I have ever known in the area of dream interpretation. I have seen him interpret the dreams of believers as well as non-believers out on the streets with amazing revelation and accuracy. This book is the culmination of over a decade of practical experience.

There is a new excitement coming to the church regarding dreams, as we rediscover the many accounts throughout the pages of the Bible when God spoke powerfully to great men and women of God in this manner. The Lord never stopped speaking through dreams; the church simply stopped listening. Now the Holy Spirit is awakening us to one of God's primary ways of communicating to us.

This manual is much more than theory, but a practical guide to help each believer grow in their ability to understand God's message to them through their dreams. It is especially helpful for those who have yet to step out in the area of interpretation, which provides incredible opportunities to reach those who don't know Jesus. God begins to quicken their spirit when they realize that there is a Father who loves them and is communicating to them through their dreams. All of a sudden Christianity explodes from religion to reality.

In this hour Jesus is raising up a fearless army from every stream of Christianity that will embrace their destiny and walk in the supernatural power of God to transform a world desperate for a touch from Jesus.

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INTRODUCTION

It's impossible to read through the Bible without noticing the fact that God speaks through dreams. Throughout the Old and New Testaments the Lord used dreams to communicate messages, both to believers and non-believers. The purpose of this manual is to equip you in the area of dream interpretation so that God's messages will not fall by the wayside. Just think for a moment about all the divine revelation that is lost because the body of Christ is so lacking in knowledge when it comes to dreams.

The 2nd chapter of Acts tells us that the last days would be marked by a great increase of prophetic revelation, including dreams and visions. We need, as the people of God, to step boldly into what the Lord desires to do on the Earth in our day. When Jesus speaks to us in any manner we cannot be content with missing even a single word. If we are to be effective and fruitful in our lives and ministries we must become attuned to His voice. The Church has tried for too long to get by with human wisdom and the traditions of men. It's time we begin to get our strategies and blueprints directly from the One who created the heavens and the Earth. The Lord desires to speak to our hearts and minds so that we can fulfill the destinies and plans He has designed for us.

I challenge you to become fully equipped in discerning God's voice as He speaks into *your* life. In so doing, you will also place yourself into the position of learning to speak prophetically to others. These lessons will bring you one step closer to this goal.

There is one Scripture in particular that states *the* primary principal of dream interpretation. In Genesis 40:8 Joseph was asked by Pharaoh (the ruler over Egypt) to interpret a dream that none of his advisors were able to derive the meaning of. Joseph responded to him with a question: "Do

not interpretations belong to God?" Joseph didn't mean that only God could interpret, but rather, only *with* God could he then give Pharaoh the correct interpretation. Dream interpretation is not a merely intellectual exercise of 'figuring out' a dream's meaning. If you are going to interpret a dream correctly you have to partner together with the Holy Spirit. Just as with other forms of prophetic ministry, understanding comes from the Lord. Although there are methods and principals involved that help us unravel a dream's meaning, without the mind of the Spirit we will be unfruitful. There are no clear-cut formulas or equations. We cannot put all the elements of a dream into a computer and come up with the interpretation the Lord intended. There is no dream book that will give us instant answers.

I have spoken to many Christians who object to dream interpretation because of its association with the occult and the New Age Movement. My answer is that the devil will always attempt to counterfeit the things of God in order to discredit them. The Bible tells us that we can expect false teachers, false prophets, false shepherds, and false doctrines. Do we then eliminate teachers, pastors, prophets and doctrines to make sure no one falls into the traps of the enemy? Of course not. Rather, the Word tells us to use discernment and test the spirits (1 John 4:1). The existence of false, counterfeit deceptions should not dissuade us from seeking the genuine. We do not want to throw the proverbial baby out with the bathwater. The Lord has given the ministry of dream interpretation as a gift to His people. (See Daniel 1:17). We must not surrender it to the enemy.

The Lord gives us scriptural safeguards when it comes to prophetic ministry, such as:

Do not put out the Spirit's fire; do not treat prophecies with contempt. Test everything. Hold on to the good. (1 Thessalonians 5:19-21)

Dream interpretation, as a form of prophetic ministry, should be embraced. The above Scripture tell us that we need to weigh out and confirm our interpretations. We need to examine them through the lens of God's written Word and to seek further confirmation from the Holy Spirit. We do not, however, want to "*put out the Spirit's fire*" by discounting a clearly biblical means of hearing the voice of Jesus, our Lord.

In Numbers 11:29, Moses reflected the heart of God when he said, "*I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!*" Today we have the opportunity to fulfill this ancient prayer as the Spirit of Revelation is being poured out on the Church. Let it rain down on you.

This manual is divided into seven lessons that you can study alone or in a home group or Bible study, along with a dream dictionary. I do not claim that any of the topics or lists in this manual are covered exhaustively. Rather, my goal is to start you on your way and provide some firm footing.

Just as with any other ministry, the more you practice and persevere, the more adept you will become. Although some might ultimately be more gifted than others in dream interpretation, I believe that all God's children can develop basic dream interpreting skills in partnership with the Holy Spirit. Acts 2 gives us the qualifications for those people who can receive and speak out prophetic revelation:

In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. (Acts 2:17, 18)

If you are a born again man, woman, boy or girl then this manual is for you. I pray that the Lord will help us as we learn to unlock the door of understanding and revelation,

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which is the inheritance of all God's beloved children.
(Ephesians 1:17, 18)

LESSON ONE

The Purpose of Dreams

I believe that the primary reason God uses dreams to speak to us is because it is the one time He knows He has our full attention. During the day we are so often distracted by the activities, pressures and pleasures of our lives. At other times, we may close our ears to God's voice because we do not want to hear a challenging or convicting word, perhaps because we know we're not living according to His will. Job 33:14 tells us:

For God [does reveal His will; He] speaks not only once, but more than once, even though men do not regard it. (Amplified Bible)

The Lord is always trying to get our attention. The question is, are we listening? When we dream, our conscious minds are asleep so that our defenses are down and distractions are gone. He now has a "captive audience." Job 33:15a speaks directly to this issue:

(One may hear God's voice) in a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on men while slumbering upon the bed. Then He opens the ears of men and seals their instruction... (Amplified Bible)

Also, a dream can leave a powerful, unforgettable image in our hearts and minds, which is not *always* the case with a spoken, prophetic word.

I often relive dreams from my past, and I can feel the emotion and the impact of the storylines as though I dreamt them last night.

What Is The Source Of Dreams?

Dreams can come from **(1) the Lord, (2) demonic spirits or (3) our own souls or (4) bodies.**

1) The Lord: God authors dreams to speak to us. I will discuss this at length in the next section.

2) Demonic Spirits: The Bible says that the enemy comes *“only to steal and kill and destroy”* (John 10:10). Demonic entities such as spirits of fear, sexual sin, rejection, anger, condemnation etc. will at times be the origin of dreams or nightmares that release terror, depression, unbelief or lust into our mind and emotions. (I personally suffered since childhood with ‘night terrors.’ I awoke many, many nights, screaming and very disoriented. It was only when I received prayer at the Toronto Revival in 1997 that they finally and forever stopped.) The Devil’s purpose in these dreams is always to harm us and attempt to turn us away from God.

Even demonically based dreams can be turned around by the Lord and be used for our good. Through these dreams God can reveal open doors in our lives that are entry points to the enemy. These ‘open doors’ are often unrepentant sins. For example, if someone lusts after a member of the opposite gender, the sin can create an entry way for a demonic spirit of lust to get a foothold. It’s no surprise that this spirit will have access to that individual’s dream life to create lustful dreams. God allows these dreams as a means of uncovering the sin and bringing conviction so that he or she can become free.

*** It is important to note that a frightening dream is not always demonically inspired (see Job 7:14). We always have to ask the Holy Spirit to help us to discern the source of a particular dream.**

There can also be other open doors for the enemy to enter into our dream life. These include:

a) Movies, Television Shows or Music which exalts evil:

Demonic spirits will often attach themselves to these forms of media. We open ourselves up to them when we watch or listen to ungodly themes and story lines. (Conversely, listening to worship music or viewing godly videos will open up the door for the Holy Spirit to touch our hearts.) As an illustration, watching today's horror films can give access to a spirit of fear to come in and give you nightmares. Watching movies or videos displaying illicit sex can open the doorway of your soul to a spirit of lust which can also manifest in your dreams.

b) Past abuse or trauma: Traumatic experiences can create an inroad through which the enemy may build a stronghold of fear, rejection or bitterness in our lives. Awareness of this through a dream interpretation can bring inner healing and deliverance to our soul. (For me personally, I believe that a spirit of fear which gained entry through past traumas was the source of my nightmares.)

3) The soul: The soul is comprised of our *emotions*, *mind* and *will*. Stress, inner conflicts (conscious or unconscious), emotional ups and downs, loneliness, and impeding difficult situations can influence our dreams. I recall one night when I knew that the following day would bring an extremely stressful situation. I had four different dreams that night which played out four scenarios and outcomes for what I was about to face. Just as with demonic dreams, the Lord can use these to show us ways in which our minds or feelings are influencing our behavior in a wrong manner. Ecclesiastes 5:3 tells us that...*a dream comes when there are many cares.*

4) The body: Bodily pain, discomfort and unmet physical needs can affect our dreams. For instance, Isaiah 29:7, 8

tells us that a person who is hungry and thirsty may dream about food and water.

Dream Messages

What are the things the Lord desires to communicate to us in dreams? I will outline several possible dream messages and note Scriptures that relate to each:

- 1) Warning:** (Genesis 20:1-7, Job 33:16, Matthew 2:22)
God may warn of an impending danger. He may also warn us of the consequences of our actions when we are engaged in sin or rebellion.
- 2) Direction:** (Matthew 1:20, Matthew 2:13, Acts 16:9, 10) The Lord, at times, gives us instructions or directions through dreams.
- 3) Revelation of Destiny** (Genesis 28:11-15, Genesis 37:9) The Lord may reveal to us our ultimate calling or ministry.
- 4) Strength, Encouragement and Comfort** (1 Cor. 14:3)
As with all prophetic ministry, bringing strength, encouragement, and comfort is a primary focus.
- 5) Healing and Deliverance** (Isaiah 61, Luke 4:18) Jesus proclaimed: *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised."*
- 6) Revelation of Future Events** (Genesis 15:12-16, Daniel 2, Daniel 7, and Amos 3:7) God reveals coming events in our lives or in the lives of others. He might even reveal a future occurrence in a church, city or nation. At times, God may ask us to take action in light of this type of message (such as sounding a warning), but more often He wants us simply to pray for the situation in accordance with His will. Seeing into the future helps us to be watchful and discerning.

7) Conviction of Sin (Job 33:17) “...to turn man from wrongdoing and keep him from pride.”

The Dream Subject

It's important to determine who the dream message is for (i.e., the dream subject). Although most of the time a dream is a message to the dreamer, it can also be for another person, a group of people, a church, a denomination, a neighborhood, a city, a state, a region, a nation, or even the world. The higher the level of prophetic calling on an individual, the more their dreams will go beyond their immediate surroundings. Still, I have seen even new believers receive dreams that give revelation on what God is doing nationally or even among the nations.

Prophetic Character

If you are going to interpret dreams or engage in any other prophetic ministry, it's vital to walk in holiness and purity and sanctify ourselves unto God. There are many reasons for this. Hearing from God requires that we keep our hearts and minds pure. Polluting our souls with music, movies, television programs, video games, etc. that give an anti-biblical, anti-God message will create confusion and cloud the channels between us and the Lord. Secondly, when we interpret dreams for others we are speaking into a person's life which means we are speaking to others on the Lord's behalf. We need to represent Christ not only with words, but by making our bodies a living sacrifice. (see Romans 12:1) I'm not saying that you have to have your life all together for God to use you prophetically. My point is that we cannot take sin lightly. This is true for all believers but it is especially true for those who desire to be God's prophetic voice. As 2 Timothy 2:20-22 tells us:

In a wealthy home some utensils are made of gold and silver, and some are made of wood and clay. The expensive utensils are used for special occasions, and the cheap ones are for everyday use. If you keep yourself pure, you will be a utensil God can use for his purpose. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work. Run from anything that stimulates youthful lust. Follow anything that makes you want to do right. Pursue faith and love and peace, and enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts. (New Living Translation)

DREAM ASSIGNMENT #1

I encourage you to keep a *dream journal*. Try to write down your dream as soon as you wake up. Note also how the dream made you feel, as emotions can reveal a lot. Occasionally, there might be significance in the time you woke up from the dream. Jot down as much detail as possible. Regardless of how insignificant a dream may seem at the time, take it seriously. The Lord often speaks powerfully in ways that we might consider foolish, and I have seen many people discard dreams or visions that come wrapped in a seemingly trivial package.

I pray in the name of Jesus that the Lord would open your spiritual eyes and ears as you endeavor to hear His voice in a new way. I also pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better (Ephesians 1:17, NLT). Amen.

LESSON TWO

Biblical Dream Symbols

Although some dreams can be taken literally, that is the exception. Most dreams are full of symbolism, which needs to be interpreted to make sense. Many people totally discount their dreams because they often seem meaningless and foolish. If you can understand the symbolic elements of a dream you will see that what appears to be trivial and nonsensical is often deep and profound. I believe the reason the Lord wraps our dreams in symbolism is because He wants us to learn to seek Him. He wants us to become totally dependant upon Him and His wisdom. The Lord tells us in no uncertain terms:

As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.
(Isaiah 55:9)

That leaves us with the issue of how to determine a symbol's meaning. The first thing we look at is the Bible. Scripture is full of symbolic meaning which we can often apply to our dreams. For example, let's look at some common biblical symbols for the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is often typified by:

- a) Water** (John 7:38, 39)
- b) Oil** (Matthew 25:4)
- c) Wind** (John 3:8)
- d) Fire** (Matthew 3:11)
- e) Light** (Psalm 43:3)
- f) A Dove** (Matthew 3:16)

In a dream water, oil, wind, light or fire will often represent either the Holy Spirit Himself or the things of the Spirit. However, we cannot say that water, for example, **always** typifies the Holy Spirit.

Water can also symbolize:

- a) The Word of God** (Ephesians 5:26)
- b) Great Obstacles** (Exodus 14, Isaiah 43:2)
- c) The Judgment of God** (Genesis 7, Job 20:28)
- d) Overwhelming Troubles** (Psalm 18:16)

Interpreting dream symbols is not as easy as looking up their meanings in a Christian dream symbol dictionary (although having one can be very helpful). There are several principles of interpretation that are vital:

- 1) Ask the Holy Spirit.** Depending on the Lord is the foundation of dream interpretation in all of its aspects.
- 2) Look at the Context of the Dream.** A dream basically tells a story. All the symbols have to fit together for the dream message to unfold. As an example, let's look at the dream that Joseph interpreted for the Pharaoh in Genesis 41:1-4:

When two full years had passed, Pharaoh had a dream: He was standing by the Nile, when out of the river there came up seven cows, sleek and fat, and they grazed among the reeds. After them, seven other cows, ugly and gaunt, came up out of the Nile and stood beside those on the riverbank. And the cows that were ugly and gaunt ate up the seven sleek, fat cows. Then Pharaoh woke up.

The dream symbols are seven sleek and fat cows, and seven ugly and gaunt (skinny) cows. According to Joseph, the seven fat cows symbolized seven years of prosperity and the seven skinny cows symbolized seven years of famine. The skinny cows eating the fat cows meant that after seven years of prosperity ended there would then be seven years of famine and lack. The picture is famine swallowing up prosperity. As a result of this dream the Egyptians were able to be prepared for the time of famine.

Can you see how the symbols relate to each other and fit into the context of the message? It's like a jigsaw puzzle in which all the pieces need to fit together and interrelate in order to get the whole picture.

3) Look at the outstanding characteristics of the symbol. In Pharaoh's dream fatness equaled abundance while skinniness equaled lack. That was key. Let's go back to the symbol of water. It is important to look at details about the water in a dream which might give us more clues. Here are some helpful illustrations:

- a)** Is the water **clear** or **murky**? Clear water is more likely to signify the Holy Spirit or the Word of God while murky, dirty water is usually significant of false doctrine or something compromising or evil.
- b)** Is the water **still and quiet** or **troubled and stormy**? Still water is often indicative of the peace of God while troubled waters typify tribulation or demonic attack (Isaiah 57:20). (If it is a river being symbolized then it is the opposite. A rushing river symbolizes the moving of the Spirit (John 7:38, 39) while a stagnant river can represent complacency or dead religious activity).
- c)** Is the water **suitable for drinking** or is it **bitter**? Good drinking water can represent the Holy Spirit and the good things of God (Psalm 36: 8, 9; Isaiah 55:1), while bitter water symbolizes sin and bitterness.

Here are some other widely accepted, biblically-based symbols. You will find their Scripture references in the dictionary section of this book:

Judge, Gardener or Father Figure = **God, the Father**

Lamb, Bridegroom, Teacher, Attorney, Husband, Doctor, Lion, or King = **Jesus**

Dragon, Serpent, or Lion = **Satan** (Notice that a lion can signify Jesus or Satan. We should never be too quick to automatically assign meaning to a symbol.)

Sheep, Fish, Child, Bride or Wheat = **A Christian**

Milk, Meat, Water, Hammer, Sword, Mirror or Honey = **the Word of God**

Bear, Bees, Wolf, Fox, Arrows, Rat or a Storm = **Attack or deceits of the enemy.**

Colors And Numbers

Colors and numbers have significance as dream elements. We can, for the most part, find their symbolic meanings in Scripture. (Although, as we saw in Pharaoh's dream, numbers can be taken literally.) Let's look first at numbers. I will list one meaning for each of the numbers one through ten, as well as one scriptural reference.

Numbers As Symbols

One = Unity (*Philippians 2:2*)

Two = Witness (*2 Corinthians 13:1*)

Three = God as the Trinity (*2 Corinthians 13:14*)

Four = The Earth (Four winds, four seasons, four corners of the Earth), (*Rev. 7:1*)

Five = God's enabling grace and power (*Leviticus 26:8*)

Six = The number of man (Created on the sixth day), (*Revelation 13:18*)

Seven = Completeness or perfection (*Genesis 2:2*)

Eight = A new beginning (*1 Peter 3:20*)

Nine = The Holy Spirit (Nine fruit of the Spirit, Nine charismatic Spiritual gifts), (*Galatians 5:22, 23*)

Ten = Trial and Testing (*Daniel 1:12-15*)

Colors As Symbols

As I mentioned, colors also have symbolic significance:

Red = The blood of Jesus (forgiveness, freedom), (*Ephesians 2:13*), passion or anger

Blue = Revelation or authority from Heaven (*2 Corinthians 12:1*) or sadness (the blues)

Purple = Jesus as King and Ruler (*Revelation 1:5*)

White = Purity (*Revelation 3:4*)

Scarlet, Crimson = Sin (*Isaiah 1:18*)

Green = Prosperity (*Proverbs 11:28*), life or 'Go Ahead' (given a green light)

Orange = Danger, warning

Yellow = Glory, fear or slow down and be cautious (as when a traffic light turns yellow)

DREAM ASSIGNMENT #2:

All of the above can have more than one symbolic meaning. I urge you to sit with a Bible Concordance and look up the usage of various colors and numbers in the Bible. See if you can find consistent patterns in the way each number or color is signified.

LESSON THREE

Modern-Day Symbols

Besides the symbols which can be given meaning based on their usage in the Bible, many dream symbols come from our modern-day experience. When Jesus spoke in parables two thousand years ago He used symbols that were part of the everyday life of His listeners. Since many people in ancient Israel were familiar with farming, Jesus used activities such as *plowing, sowing, planting, reaping*, etc. as metaphors for Kingdom principles. It's the same today. The Lord speaks to us in ways we can relate to. The Lord desires to speak to all of His people, not only ministers and Bible college graduates.

Just as is the case with biblical symbols, all dream symbols can have more than one interpretation. For example, a gun can represent a demonic attack or the power of God being released. When looking at biblical symbols I mentioned that details are very important. Say, for instance, that someone dreams they're riding in an elevator. Here are some things to look for:

- 1)** Is the elevator going up or down? If it is going up then it might mean that the Lord is about to elevate or promote the person. If it's going down it could mean a fall or that the person is headed in the wrong direction in life.
- 2)** What floor is the elevator going to? If an elevator is going up to the 8th floor it could mean a new beginning in the dream subject's life. An elevator going down to the 6th floor may signify that the person is leaning on human advice rather than godly wisdom and counsel. (See Lesson 2 and dictionary for number meanings).
- 3)** Who else is in the elevator? An elevator operator can represent the Holy Spirit, a leader, a boss or even Satan. (Remember, look at the context and ask the

Lord.) Other passengers may symbolize other people in the dreamer's life.

Personal Meaning

It's important to ask the dreamer what a dream symbol means to them personally. A good example of this is a dog. To some people a dog is a symbol of love, warmth and faithfulness. To others who have had bad experiences with dogs, it may signify anger or even an attack. When I was a teenager living in Brooklyn, I often experienced packs of wild dogs in the streets because back then many dog owners would let their dogs loose when they no longer wanted them. Because of those experiences, I don't get the same warm, cuddly feelings when I think of dogs that others might have. That is why emotions in a dream are so important. They give us clues in helping us to interpret.

Modern-Day Transportation

Typically, modes of transportation represent churches or ministries because they are symbolic of how we move together in the Lord. (Of course, they can also signify travel. An airplane for instance can mean a long trip or overseas missions work). Here is a list of different transport vehicles and their possible symbolic significance:

- 1) Car** = An individual or small ministry
- 2) Airplane** = A church or ministry that moves in the Spirit. (A large airliner usually symbolizes a large church.)
- 3) Train** = A church that is steeped in tradition and ritual. A train always takes the same route to the same place at the same time. There is no room for flexibility or being Holy Spirit led. On the other hand a train can

signify a powerful ministry or one that is continuously on the move.

- 4) **School Bus** = A teaching ministry or a children's ministry
- 5) **Ship** = Church or ministry. If the ship is on the ocean it could signify ministry to the peoples of the nations. (Revelation 17:15)
- 6) **Rowboat** = Ministry that relies on human effort (also a **Bicycle**)
- 7) **Motorboat** = Ministry powered by the Holy Spirit
- 8) **Battleship** = Spiritual Warfare (also a **Tank** or **Fighter Plane**)
- 9) **Tractor Trailer** = A ministry of bringing provision
- 10) **Moving Truck** = Change or relocation

Back To Details

Remember that details are significant. If the dreamer is on the **Number Three Train** he or she is likely to be moving in the Lord. **A wrecked car** can represent a ministry being destroyed or at least headed in that direction. **A car with failing brakes** typically speaks of a ministry out of control and **a broken down car** symbolizes a broken down ministry.

*** Important note: Many negative events forecast in dreams can be averted through repentance, prayer and/or godly wisdom.**

Just as is the case with the elevator operator mentioned above, the person who is driving or piloting a vehicle also

has symbolic relevance. The one driving is the one in authority or in control.

Train stations, bus depots, docks and piers, airports and parking lots usually signify a time of waiting or impending transition.

A driver looking through a rear view mirror is someone who is looking back to the past.

A vehicle stopping for gas can signify a need to stop and refuel on the Word of God and prayer.

Tires are filled with air, which is a type of the Holy Spirit. ***Tires which are flat or low on air*** show a church or ministry in need of the Holy Spirit's presence, guidance and power.

Mini-List Of Common Dream Symbols

(Any symbol on this list can at times be taken literally but I have found that to be the exception rather than the norm.)

You will find a much more complete listing in the dream dictionary:

- 1) **Cat** = Self-will or independence (A black cat can signify witchcraft or superstition)
- 2) **Vacation** = Time of Spiritual rest and refreshing
- 3) **Mountain** = Hindrance or obstacle – Can also be a place of encountering the Lord (Exodus 19:3, Luke 9:28)
- 4) **Death** = The death of a person in a dream is not typically a bad thing. It is often symbolic of dying to the sinful flesh (Romans 8:13). It can also mean

something coming to an end. You have to really hear from the Lord to take death in a dream as literal. An exception would be if a dream subject is flirting with death by engaging in potentially deadly sins such as using drugs or criminal activity. If the person is unsaved it could also represent a warning of spiritual death (Romans 6:23) if there is no turning to Christ.

- 5) **Door** = An opportunity (A white door usually means that it is a door opened by the Lord.)
- 6) **Alligator** = Verbal attack or gossip (Alligators have very large mouths that can easily destroy.)
- 7) **Microwave** = Things happening quickly
- 8) **Earthquake** = God's power (Acts:16:26) or judgment (Revelation 11:13)
- 9) **Bear** = Attack of the enemy or God's judgment
- 10) **Photograph** = Memory of the past
- 11) **Stain or Dirt** = Sin
- 12) **Teeth** = One's ability to comprehend the word of God (or chew on the meat of the Word) or to use wisdom. Teeth can also represent relationships.
- 13) **Electricity** = The power of God
- 14) **Spider Web** = Trap of the enemy
- 15) **Prison** = Spiritual bondage or addiction
- 16) **Tree** = A leader (Daniel 4:22), a righteous person (Psalm 92:12) or the Cross of Christ (1 Peter 2:24)
- 17) **Flower** = Natural beauty

18) Sun = Glory and light of God

19) Moon = The people of God (Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Christians have no light of their own but they reflect the Glory of the Lord.

20) Darkness = Lack of spiritual light or vision

21) Map = The Lord's direction

LESSON FOUR

People In Dreams

Just as is the case with other dream elements, most people (**though again, not all**) who appear in dreams are symbolic. At times, even the dreamer's role in a dream may be symbolic of something else. Here are some of the ways we can discover the significance of a particular person in a dream:

1) Identify something specific about that person in real life, such as an **outstanding personality, character or temperament trait**. For example, if the person in the dream is identified as an angry person in reality, then it is possible that the Lord is revealing an anger issue in the dreamer's life. If the person is a man or woman of great faith, then it could be that the dreamer's faith is at issue. (Often, when a person dreams about someone whom he or she respects as a strong Christian, this reveals that there is indeed a message from the Lord embedded in the dream.) I usually will ask the dreamer to tell me what stands out in their mind about a particular dream character.

2) If the person in the dream is a **family member**, then look at his or her real life relationship with the dreamer. Family members can have symbolic significance, For example:

- a) Father** = God the Father
- b) Mother** = The Church where the dreamer is or was nurtured in the Lord
- c) Husband** = Jesus (John 3:29)
- d) Wife** = The Church body (Revelations 19:7) or something that metaphorically speaking the dreamer is "married to" such as a job, a hobby or even a car
- e) Brother** = a male Christian
- f) Sister** = a female Christian

g) Son or Daughter = A ministry that the dreamer birthed

3) Look at the **occupation** or **role** of the person in the dream. Here is a sample list with possible symbolic interpretations to give you a basic idea:

a) Farmer = A preacher, evangelist (Matthew 13:18-23), a giving person (2 Corinthians 9:10) or the Lord (Matthew 13:24-30)

b) Soldier = An angel or a demon, depending on whether he represents good or evil, or a Christian engaged in Spiritual warfare (Ephesians 6:10-18)

c) Shepherd = Jesus or a pastor

d) District Attorney = Satan (the accuser of the brethren) or a legalistic Christian (Galatians 3:1-3)

e) Lawyer = Jesus, our Advocate or someone who defends the weak or oppressed

f) Judge = God, the Father or a judgmental person

g) Auto Mechanic = Someone the Lord is using to help 'fix' or realign a ministry

h) Waiter = A teacher (one who serves 'spiritual food') or a servant (Matt. 23:11)

i) Doctor = Jesus or a Christian with a healing ministry

When a man in a dream is of unknown identity or is heard but remains unseen he often represents the Holy Spirit. If such a person shows any of the functions of the Holy Spirit (protector, counselor, teacher) and/or attributes (perfectly holy, all knowing, all powerful, loving) it most likely is Him. If the person is evil, then it may mean Satan or a demon is lurking.

4) The **clothes** a person is wearing can tell you a lot. Someone dressed in white usually pictures a man or woman of God. A person wearing very dark clothes can signal evil. For example, if the dream is about a shepherd in dark clothes he may symbolize Satan or a false teacher. A prophetic person may be dressed in blue and a person in a

dangerous situation might have on something orange. (See Lesson 2 for a list of colors and what they may represent)

*** Important note: I have seen Christian books on dream interpretation that claim that a dark skinned person can symbolize an evil individual. That is untrue. The Lord never uses skin color alone to signify good or evil.**

Clothes that are revealing and seductive usually speak of sexual sin or lust. When the dreamer, to his or her embarrassment, is walking in public either nude or partially nude it often is revealing shame or a fear of being publicly exposed.

5) The **name** of a person in a dream is significant. at times. I keep a book handy that gives the meaning for most names. The dream dictionary will give you the meaning of many these common names.

I will now present a list of some names and their meanings so you can better understand the concept.

Alexander = Defender of mankind
 Christopher = Carrier of Christ
 Daniel = God is my judge
 Gloria = Glory
 Hillary = Happy
 Jessica = He sees
 John = The Lord is gracious
 Jonathan = Gift of God
 Joseph = God increases
 Joshua = The Lord is salvation
 Katherine = Pure
 Kenneth = Sprung from fire
 Mark = Warlike
 Mary = Bitterness
 Michael = Who is like the Lord?
 Nicholas = People of victory
 Raymond = Counselor, protector

Richard = Dominant ruler
 Ruth = Friend
 Tiffany = Appearance of God

From the above list it is easy to see how a name can figure prominently in a dream. As an example, someone named Joseph in a dream may be symbolic of financial or spiritual increase. A man named John may be symbolic of the Lord's desire to show grace to the dream subject.

6) Often times, people in dreams are from the dreamer's past, and may be an individual he or she hasn't seen for many years. The dreamer may appear in the dream as he or she looked as a young child and others might look the same way they did many years before. There are several possible reasons for this:

- a) The person might be part of an **unresolved issue** from the dreamer's past. For example, an unfaithful ex-boyfriend in a dream may point to lingering bitterness against him which needs to be forgiven and left in the Lord's hands.
- b) There may be an issue of **generational sin patterns or curses** that the Lord wants to bring to light so that deliverance can take place.
- c) On the other hand the Lord might be pointing out **generational blessings or spiritual inheritances**. An example would be a dream about a grandparent or great grandparent who walked in a prophetic gifting which the Lord wants to impart to the dreamer.
- d) The appearance of a person from the dreamer's past may reveal **the source of current emotional or relational problems**. For example, a person who deals with shame and rejection may dream about an abusive grandparent who helped open the door to these intense negative emotions. The root cause of the rejection and shame being uncovered can be a powerful first step toward inner healing. (If you would like to read more on this topic, I recommend the books

Healing for Damaged Emotions by David A. Seamands, Chariot Victor Publishing and *Appointed for Significance* by Roger Lehman, Ascribe Publishing – Available from: citystreams.org)

DREAM ASSIGNMENT #3

Take one of your own dreams that you have recorded and list on a piece of paper:

- 1) Colors** or **Numbers** used in the dream
- 2) People** appearing in the dream (including name, occupation, clothing, relationship to you and any outstanding personal traits)
- 3) Any modes of transportation** used such as a car, an airplane, etc.
- 4) Other dream elements** such as animals, inanimate objects or things in nature like the sun, rain, a river, etc.

Using the first four chapters of this manual, and in cooperation with the Holy Spirit begin to assign meaning to each element in the 4 categories listed above. You might want to use other helpful tools, such as a Bible, a Bible dictionary, and a Bible concordance. If you have questions you can e-mail them to me at: dreams@sanctuaryfellowship.org I will respond as soon as possible.

Don't worry if you can't recall all the details of the dream. Just list the information you do remember.

LESSON FIVE

Dream Settings

The issue I would like to examine in this lesson is the dream setting. In other words, where and when does the dream's storyline take place? In many dreams the action moves from place to place. The scene may also switch from the past to the future. All of these details are significant to a dream's meaning.

The Symbolism Of Dream Settings

Here is a list of some common dream settings, and their typical symbolic significance. (As I mentioned in the preface, none of the lists in this manual are exhaustive in terms of content or possible symbolic meanings.)

- 1) Car, a Train or other Modes of Transportation =**
(See Lesson 3)
- 2) Office =** Can represent either a place of employment, financial provision or a ministry 'office'; such as pastor, teacher, prophet, etc. (Ephesians 4:11) When someone dreams of a business owned by his or her father, in my experience that is usually speaking of the work of the Lord - *And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"* (Luke 2:49)
- 3) Gymnasium =** Can signify competition, pride or training for spiritual maturity (1 Timothy 4:8, 1 Corinthians 9:25-27)
- 4) Hospital =** A church (place of healing), or a healing ministry
- 5) Farm =** A church or ministry (1 Corinthians 3:9), sowing and reaping, provision, discipleship, or evangelism (Matthew 13:3-9)

- 6) **Restaurant** = Eating and drinking the Word (Hebrews 5: 11-14), or drinking in the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:13)
- 7) **School** = A period of being tested by the Lord, a teaching ministry, discipleship, the study of the Word of God, a time of preparation
- 8) **Waiting Room, Parking Lot, Airport, Train Station, Bus Terminal** = Time of waiting, preparation and/or transition
- 9) **Prison** = Bondage to sin, addictions
- 10) **Hotel** = A transitional or temporary life season, travel
- 11) **Swimming Pool** = Refreshing of the Holy Spirit
- 12) **House** = Typically a house is symbolic of the dreamer's or dream subject's life (Matthew 7:25.) Various rooms and places in the house symbolize different aspects of his or her existence:
 - a) **Bathroom** = Repentance, deliverance and cleansing of sin
 - b) **Attic** = Memories of the past
 - c) **Basement** = Emotions that are repressed or under the surface, hidden sin
 - d) **Bedroom** = Intimacy with Jesus, meditation and reflection on the Lord, rest, sexual issues or marital intimacy
 - e) **Front Yard or Front Door** = The future
 - f) **Backyard or Backdoor** = The past
 - g) **Living Room** = The public or social part of one's life, family life, Christian fellowship
 - h) **Kitchen** = Christian service (Luke 10:38-40, MSG) eating (meditating on and studying the Bible) and drinking (receiving the ministry of the Holy Spirit)
 - i) **Roof** = The mind, God's covering and protection
 - j) **Window** = Prophetic Revelation

Note - If the dream setting is the dreamer's **childhood home**, it might mean that:

- a) The dreamer perceives an issue in his or her life as if it were still the past.

- b) There are issues from the dreamer's childhood that are unresolved.
- c) The Lord wants to remind the dreamer of all He has set him or her free from.
- d) See Lesson 4, number 6

- If the dream setting is a **new house** it could be speaking of a new chapter in the dream subject's life.
- A **dirty house** speaks of sin, while a **damaged house** signifies a need for inner healing and/or restoration or physical illness (Or metaphorically a "broken home") A house in **disrepair** symbolizes the person's neglect of his or her emotional, physical or spiritual needs.
- Very often someone will dream of being at home, but it **appears different** from the way it does in real life. This could mean that the person is seeing an issue in his or her life from a wrong perspective. It can also be revealing an underlying spirit of confusion.

Times And Seasons

As I already have begun to show, noting when a dream takes place can be just as significant as where it takes place. Let's look at the four seasons. If you can tell whether a dream is set in summer, autumn, winter or spring, it might be significant to the dream interpretation:

1) Summer = Rest, time of refreshing, or a season of God's favor

2) Autumn = Time of reaping a harvest (financial or the lost being saved), the ending of a summer season of refreshing and the transition into a season of trial, or rain in autumn speaks of the latter day outpouring of revival fire on the Earth (Joel 2:27)

3) Winter = A season of trial and tribulation, a lack of fruitfulness or a state of being cold in one's Christian walk, barrenness

4) Spring = New beginnings, the born-again experience, or the end of a season of trials (Song of Solomon 2:11, 12)

Note also the **weather conditions** and **time of day** the dream takes place:

- 1) **Rain** = Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, God's Word (Isaiah 55: 10,11), or God's blessing
- 2) **Snow** = The Word of God, or purity (Isaiah 1:18)
- 3) **Tornado** = The Glory of God (Ezekiel 1:4-28), a powerful attack of the enemy (Job 1:19) or God's judgment (Jeremiah 23:19)
- 4) **Hail** = God's judgment (Exodus 9:18)
- 5) **Storm** = Trials and difficulties or attack of the enemy
- 6) **Bright Sunshine** = The presence and favor of God (Psalm 84:11), The light of God, or healing (Malachi 4:2)
- 7) **Darkness** = Hidden sin, lack of direction, or the work of the enemy (Luke 22:53)
- 8) **Lightning** = God's judgment, the Presence of God (2 Samuel 22:13) or a sudden move of God
- 9) **Thunder** = The voice of God (2 Samuel 22:14), spiritual warfare, God's judgment or a warning of an impending attack or trial.
- 10) **Cloudy** = *White* cloud - The presence of God (Exodus 13:21), *Dark* cloud - depression, a coming trial, a hindrance in hearing God's voice.

Also Of Importance

Remember to take note of time in a dream. As I have discussed, numbers have significance. For example, if it is 5 o'clock in the dream it could mean that a time of God's grace is at hand, or 8 o'clock might signify a new beginning. Also,

write down the time you wake up from the dream as that can also be significant.

Many dreams will change from one setting to another. There can be several possible reasons for this, which I will discuss in a later chapter.

When you dream about a future event it does not necessarily mean that the event will take place. If you discern that it is something the Lord wants to do, then you need to partner with Him in prayer. (Daniel 9:1-3, 1 Kings 18: 41-44) For example, if you dream of the salvation of a loved one, then you need to intercede for the person's salvation. As John Wesley once said, "God does nothing except in answer to prayer."

If you discern that a dream is demonically inspired and it shows a horrific event set in the future, such as the murder of a family member, then rebuke the enemy and break the spirit of fear. I have had dozens of dreams depicting terrifying events that never took place. As I said in a previous lesson, it is important when you have such dreams to ask the Lord if there is an open door to the enemy in your life or a demonic stronghold such as a spirit of fear.

DREAM ASSIGNMENT #4

In the last lesson I asked you to take a dream and begin to look at the possible symbolic interpretations for colors, numbers, people and other dream elements. Now begin to focus on the dream setting. Look first at where the dream took place. If it was in a house then note the room.

Could you determine the season or the weather? Were there cars, boats, trains or other types of transportation involved? Did the dream take place in the past, present or future? If so, then look at the lists that I have provided to see possible

meanings. Also, remember to ask the Lord to give you insight. Without that step, the lists are meaningless.

LESSON SIX

Putting It All Together

In this lesson I will look at an actual dream that was sent to me, and begin the process of interpretation. Now that we have examined different components of dream interpretation, let's begin to put it all together.

SAMPLE DREAM #1

The following is an actual dream from a Pastor who is in the process of starting a local church. Here it is:

I got home from a trip or something and we were in this new apartment. I could tell that we live there now but it was a very strange place. The weirdest thing about it was that the apartment was loaded with pets...My wife had the house full of pets... strange pets... We had a goat in the kitchen - he was tied to a large fruit basket. When I untied him to say hello and play with him, he got so excited that he peed on the bed. We had two huge beds in the room, I don't know why. We had a huge fish tank in the house with all kinds of fish. Then the strangest one - we had a skunk... But he was gorgeous... The skunk was actually bright yellow and his tail was orange. He was the coolest looking animal I've ever seen- he didn't smell and I remember my wife telling me he was the friendliest thing around. When I sat down he came to me and was kissing my hand... He was bright yellow and orange... There were more animals there but I couldn't remember them when I woke up... I can't even start to imagine what all that means.

It is clearly obvious that this dream makes no sense unless it is interpreted. There is very little in it that can be taken literally. Let's first divide the dream into the categories I discussed in the previous lessons.

1) DREAM SETTING: The setting for the dream is a *new* apartment. The Pastor and his wife were in the process of planting a new church. An apartment or house is symbolic of the dream subject's life. I believe the new apartment symbolizes the new church plant which is a new and prominent aspect of their life

2) DREAM SYMBOLS: There were a number of animals used symbolically in this dream. I feel that the animals are representative of the different categories of people who will be coming to this church. I will now look at them one by one and then put it all together.

a) Goat = A goat can be *unruly* and *hard to manage*. At first I saw this as a negative symbol but then I realized that the goat was tied to a *bowl of fruit*. Fruit represents the positive consequences of the Holy Spirit working through a believer's life. (John 15: 1-8) He didn't seem mean or evil but he was messy as he "peed on the bed". I believe that the goat represented people who would come into the church needing a lot of guidance and discipleship. Although they may be hard to manage, it will be worth the work because they will bear fruit for the Kingdom of God. Perhaps the reason the goat was in the kitchen was because he was eating and drinking of the Word and the Spirit.

b) Fish = Fish are typically symbolic of *souls* who have come into the Kingdom. (Mark 1:17) In the dream there were all kinds of fish. In this church there will be people from various ethnic groups, social strata and economic levels.

c) Skunk = A skunk is symbolic of someone who fouls up the atmosphere with sin. This skunk however was friendly and beautiful. I interpret this to mean that the skunk appeared to be something that he wasn't. This speaks to me of people who will come into the church and give the appearance of being holy and loving but yet they are still "skunks". Note the skunk's colors: bright yellow and orange. Orange often means danger or warning. Bright yellow can sometimes

symbolically say: “Slow down and be cautious.” (as when a traffic light turns yellow) These skunks may be false prophets or people living totally hypocritical lifestyles.

*** Both yellow and orange can have several symbolic meanings, but in looking at the context and in seeking the Lord, I was impressed to assign the meanings I just discussed. Perhaps you will see even deeper meanings that I might have missed.**

There were also **2 big beds** in the apartment. A bed speaks of God’s peace and rest to those who receive salvation. (Matthew 11:28-29) It is also symbolic of intimacy with the Lord. (Song of Solomon 1:4) I believe that the beds are pointing to many troubled and wearied people who will come to the church and find rest in the Lord through a relationship with Jesus.

3) DREAM SUBJECT: I believe that the dream subject in this dream is the Pastor who dreamed it. The dream seems to contain a message for him. I see no reason to assign symbolic meaning to his presence in the dream.

4) DREAM MESSAGE: The dream is a message of both encouragement and warning. The Lord is encouraging this pastor of a new church plant that he will bring many people into the church of all different backgrounds. Even those who are difficult to pastor at first will bear fruit. It is also a warning to use discernment, as some will come in deceptively.

5) DREAM SOURCE: The source of this dream is clearly the Lord. The enemy does not bring encouragement or warning. Rather, the kingdom of darkness will release discouragement and fear. Many times when Satan is the source of a dream, you will wake up with a feeling of despair, hopelessness or depression.

I also didn't feel that this was a soulish dream. In putting all of the pieces together the Lord made it clear to me that this was a message from Him. A dream that originates from a dreamer's mind or emotions will typically reveal inner needs, drives and conflicts. This dream was all about ministering to others.

This dream shows how dream interpretation can be a powerful tool in hearing and understanding what the Lord is saying. If this pastor had cast this dream aside as foolishness or the result of too many tacos for dinner he would have missed out on a powerful message from the Lord.

APPLICATION

Once you have interpreted a dream, what should you do with the revelation? The answer to the question depends on the situation. If the subject of your dream is someone other than you, and you discern that the dream source is the Lord, then you need to ask God when and how to present it to that person.

Sometimes, when the Lord gives you prophetic revelation, He wants you just to pray for the person and not say anything. It is also important to be very careful if you feel your dream is giving direction to an individual. Many lives have been damaged by misspoken prophetic words of direction telling them to change ministries, quit their jobs, marry a certain person, etc. If you do feel that the message of a dream gives direction for someone other than yourself, really seek the Lord about whether your interpretation needs to be shared. If you are strongly impressed that you need to share your message, then go to a church leader or pastor. In that way there is accountability and safety. If the leader tells you not to share the interpretation, then you need to submit to his or her authority. (See Hebrews 13:17)

This is also true if you feel that your dream is a word of direction for a church. Share the word with the pastor. Never go around to people in a congregation and share your interpretation with them. This can cause division and rebellion and believe me when I tell you, it happens. This is a wrong use of prophetic ministry because you are moving outside the realm of authority the Lord has given you. If the Lord directs you to share an interpretation with an individual or a group of people and you do so, then you have fulfilled your responsibility (other than keeping it in prayer.) If your interpretation is ignored, then leave it at that. Don't keep badgering people if you feel they have not heeded your words. Conviction is the work of the Holy Spirit (See Ezekiel 33:7-9)

***If we stay within biblical guidelines, then dream interpretation will be safe and fruitful. If we move outside of these boundaries we can cause great harm and even ruin lives and ministries.**

If the Lord gives you a dream with a message for yourself, it is not always wise to share it. Gen 37:1-11 tells us that Joseph had a dream that one day he would have authority over his parents and brothers. (This was actually later fulfilled.) Telling his family, however, caused anger and jealousy. Perhaps it would have been wiser to keep the dream to himself.

Also, make sure that if you do reveal your dream to others, it is never out of a wrong motive such as pride or a need for attention or recognition. Always be led by the Spirit.

DREAM ASSIGNMENT #5

Take the dream you have been working on and follow the pattern I gave you today. Begin to determine the dream's message, source and subject.

LESSON SEVEN

In Conclusion

My goal in writing this manual is to give you some elementary skills in dream interpretation. Begin to put these basic principles into practice and allow the Lord to bring you to a higher level of prophetic maturity. In this lesson I will look at two more actual dreams that were sent to me and give you a few more principals of dream interpretation.

SAMPLE DREAM #2

I dreamt that my mom had a new house and I visited and I counted seven toilets in her house, only on the left hand side. I counted two times. I said to her: "You have seven toilets, and that's only on this side." She said that she wanted people to be able to "go." The toilets were all beautiful, shiny and all by themselves. Some were in unusual places. I remember seeing one in a closet, with a glass door. That one had shiny wood with gold trim. They really were amazing. And my mother was soaking a lot of men's shirts, like polo shirts, she was soaking the necks of the shirts in tubs of water and the water was soapy and murky. She had the shirts laid out, one on top of the other, hanging on the floor with the neck part in the water. The shirts were different colors and patterns.

Like the first dream, this dream makes absolutely no sense when taken literally. Let's begin to see if any sense can be made out of it.

1) Dream Setting: The dream is set in the house of the dreamer's mother. Symbolically a mother can represent the Church. By using the word 'Church', I am not referring to a building. Rather I am referring to the people of God who comprise the body of Christ.

A mother is one whose role is to love, nurture and care for her children. This gives a picture of what the Church is called to do. So, I believe that in this case, the setting for this dream is the Church. (I will speak more on this below.)

2) Dream Symbols:

a) Seven Toilets = A toilet symbolizes cleansing and repentance. Seven is the number of perfection and completion. (Seven along with three are considered to be God's numbers.)

b) Wood with Gold Trim = Wood speaks of humanity, while gold symbolizes Deity. The picture is man covered by the glory of God (Exodus 37:15.)

c) Shirts = A clean shirt symbolizes holiness and a dirty shirt signifies a life stained with sin (Zechariah 3:1-6.)

d) Tubs of Soapy Water = The Holy Spirit washing away sin

3) Dream Subject: I believe that the subject of this dream is the body of Christ. The dream might be for a specific local church but I sense in the Spirit that it is a prophetic message for the entire body. One thing that points to this is that the shirts were different colors and patterns. This can speak of the entire Church body, which is comprised of *people from every nation, tribe, and language* (Revelation 7:9.)

4) Dream Message: This dream is prophetic of a move of repentance and cleansing coming to the Church. The toilet behind a glass door speaks of people repenting publicly for all to see. As people repent and turn to the Lord, God's glory will return to His Church and the stain of sin will be washed away. This dream is a confirmation to me, as I have seen in the Spirit that God is going to bring great conviction and cleansing to His people. Many others have prophesied this as well.

5) Dream Source: It is obvious to me that this dream is from the Lord.

SAMPLE DREAM # 3

I dreamt that my teenage daughter and I were preparing for a trip. We didn't have a lot of money and it was dark and raining. We were on a college campus and we went to the eating area where they had a small grocery store and they sold prepared food. We gathered up things to buy for our trip. I think the trip was by car, but I'm sure it was just us two.

1) Dream Setting: The dream took place on a college campus. A college can symbolize several things, but the context and the Spirit tell me that it here signifies a period of testing that the dreamer and her daughter are going through. (Again, if you feel that you have other insights, please send them to me.) Also, it was dark and raining. In this instance, I feel the darkness and rain signify a difficult period in the dreamer's life. Darkness also symbolizes a lack of direction. They then went to the grocery store, which speaks of a place of receiving spiritual nourishment.

***It is difficult to describe sometimes why I assign a particular meaning to a symbol, because of the element of Spiritual revelation involved. The only way to learn to interpret dreams is to start to do it and interact with the Holy Spirit. Knowledge will only take you so far.**

2) Dream Symbols:

a) A Trip = I believe that the trip refers to the next stage of the dreamer's life. While she was going through a dark and difficult time of testing, the trip signifies a new place of destiny. She was preparing for it, but did not have the inner resources or the light to transition out of the place of darkness.

b) Food = Food speaks of the Word of God.

c) “Things to buy for the trip” = The “things” I believe are the spiritual elements (faith, God’s direction, etc.) the dreamer needed for her “trip” to the next level in God’s plan for her life. (Isaiah 55:1)

3) Dream Subject: The dream subjects are the dreamer and her daughter.

4) Dream Message: The dream is a call to the dreamer and her daughter to focus on their devotional lives in order to receive what they lacked from the Lord to get past the trials and testing. In the midst of the trial, they went to the grocery store (to eat of the Word and drink of the Spirit) to get what they needed for the trip.

5) Dream Source: If my interpretation is correct, then this dream is from the Lord.

Multiple Scenes

Many times, dreams will contain more than one scene. Even when each scene seems totally unrelated to the others, you will typically find a connection. Here are several ways in which multiple scenes might be interrelated. This is a very incomplete list. The possibilities are endless due to the Lord’s boundless creativity.

1) The first scene may reveal a sin in the dreamer’s life, while the next scene shows the possible consequences of that sin if there is no repentance.

2) The first scene may portray an attack of the enemy while the next scene shows the ultimate victory.

3) The first scene might be of an event from the past, while the next scene reveals how the past issue is still affecting the dream subject.

4) The first scene may center on a problem, while the next one could reveal the solution.

- 5) The first scene might portray a certain behavior or attitude while the subsequent scene shows either the Lord's pleasure or displeasure concerning it.
- 6) The scenes may prophetically unveil a progression of future events (Daniel 7:1-14)

*** Many times, different dreams which occur on the same night are interrelated. Just as with multiples scenes, look for the ways in which these dreams may connect.**

Recurring Dreams

It is important to examine the phenomena of reoccurring dreams. These are dreams you have more than once. What are some of the reasons we experience reoccurring dreams?

If you are having a *recurring nightmare*, it might signify that there is an open door in your life to the enemy that hasn't been dealt with adequately. (See Lesson One for a deeper explanation.) Let me give you an example from my own life. For years I had a recurring nightmare that I was out of town and suddenly realized that my keys, phone, wallet, car and money were gone. While this might not sound so terrifying, I would often wake up disoriented and trembling in fear. I believe that the reason I kept having this dream was because the enemy had a stronghold of fear and unbelief in my life. Dreams like that will expose the ongoing demonic activity so that you can be set free. This usually takes a combination of repentance and inner healing.

A recurring nightmare can also point to unconfessed ongoing sin. The Lord will continually bring warning through an individual's dream life where there is continuous sin and rebellion. Because the Lord is gracious and merciful, He will reach out to us again and again as He breaks through our often hardened hearts until His purposes are performed in our lives

If a recurring dream is prophetic in nature, the Lord may be emphasizing the prophetic message as confirmation. For example, if someone has a recurring dream of revival coming to a city, this might be the Lord's way of affirming and highlighting the truth of the message.

In summary, recurring dreams are the Lord's way of bringing emphasis, clarity, focus, and/or confirmation to a dream message.

DREAM ASSIGNMENT #6

Using the model I gave you; begin to review your dreams on a daily basis. Remember to take your interpretations before the Lord in prayer. As you become proficient, ask others to share their dreams with you (keeping in mind the section on application in Lesson Six.)

If you are going to become adept in any area of prophetic ministry, immerse yourself in the Word of God like never before. Sit quietly before the Lord, and learn to discern His voice on a regular basis. Keep your life pure, and separate yourself from the unholy pleasures of this World. May God bless you, as you seek to know His voice in new ways. Step out of the boat, walk on the water and let the Lord fill you with revelation.

More Sample Dreams

In this section I am adding two more sample dreams in order to give a better understanding of how the process of dream interpretation works.

Sample Dream # 4

I dreamt that I was at the zoo sitting by a large pool of water with my legs in the water. In the pool were

dangerous animals swimming around and around such as snakes, alligators and bears. I felt panic, especially when one of them would brush against my leg. The zookeeper was there and he said, “As long as you do not respond to the animals in fear they will not hurt you.” I was never hurt by any of these dangerous animals.

1) Dream Setting: The dream setting was a zoo. The zoo speaks of a difficult time of life for the dreamer in which there are many trials and attacks of the enemy.

2) Dream Symbols:

a) Alligator = An alligator symbolizes verbal attack

b) Bear = A bear symbolizes an attack against one's finances

c) Snake = A snake symbolizes deception

d) Zookeeper = I believe the zookeeper in this dream represents the Lord who is ultimately in control of all of our circumstances.

3) Dream Subject: The dream subject is the dreamer

4) Dream Message: This dream is a message to the dreamer to put total trust in the Lord regardless of what the enemy is doing. The Lord is in total control and even though the enemy's attacks seem constant the dreamer will not be hurt as long as he does not become fearful and lose faith.

5) Dream Source: This dream is clearly from the Lord.

SAMPLE DREAM # 5

I walked over to the beach and saw a strange scene. It was daytime and there was a group of people setting up sleeping bags, mats, and beds on the beach to sleep overnight. I walked over to a woman who had somehow brought her whole bed, frame, mattress, headboard with her. She set the whole thing up on the beach! Around the entire bed were short shelves built into it, filled with

books. I walked over to where she was because I was fascinated that she had brought everything with her. She and I started talking. I said to her, "I would love to do this!" For some reason, in the dream, I thought that I couldn't or that this wasn't really for me. She said that I could. All I needed to do was to bring my sleeping bag. Then the dream was over.

1) Dream Setting: The setting was the beach. The beach is a place of peace, rest and joy. It can also be a place of meeting with God as it symbolize the meeting of man (sand) and the Holy Spirit (Water)

2) Dream Symbols:

a) Bed, Mats, Sleeping Bag = A bed, a mat and a sleeping bag symbolize a place of intimacy with God

b) Books = Books here speak of divine revelation

c) Unnamed People = I believe that the people are Christians who are coming to seek God. The woman who brought her whole bed is someone who has truly come to a place of intimacy and rest in the Lord.

3) Dream Subject: The dream subject is the dreamer herself

4) Dream Message: The message of this dream is a call to the dreamer to find a place in her devotional life of rest and intimacy with God. Isaiah 55:1-2 says: *"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come; buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good and your soul will delight in the richest of fare."*

God is calling her to stop her striving and spend time in His Presence where she can find peace and rest and receive revelation.

5) Dream Source: This is a word from the Lord

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I. ANIMALS

Alligator or Crocodile = Verbal attack or gossip (Alligators have very large mouths that can easily destroy.) **alligator tail** – the backlash of the enemy or of sin (Proverbs 19:19, MSG)

Ape = The carnal nature, a mocker

Armadillo = A person who puts up a barrier between him/herself and others

Badger = A person who constantly harasses and annoys to get his/her way

Bear = Attack of the enemy, God's judgment of the wicked (2 Kings 2:24), financial decrease (bear market), a rude person, an emblem of Russia

Beaver = Religious spirit (stopping up the free flowing movement of the Holy Spirit), a hardworking and industrious person, constant busyness, the work of the enemy in attempting to hinder the flow of God's blessings to His people, a person who keeps down his/her emotions, an emblem of Oregon and Canada, state animal of New York

Bird(s) = A demonic spirit (Matthew 13:4, 18), a restless person (Proverbs 27:8), one who divulges things said in confidence (Proverbs 27:8), those who the enemy has set traps for (Jeremiah 5:26), the Church (Matthew 13:32) **wings** – the refuge of the Lord (Ruth 2:12), angels (2 Samuel 22:11), the Lord as our shelter and hiding place (Psalm 17:8), escape (Psalm 55:6, Jeremiah 48:9), travel (Psalm 139:9, NKJV), soaring in the Spirit (Isaiah 40:31) **feathers** – the Lord's covering over His people (Psalm 91:3-5)

- **Albatross** = Something or someone that is a constant hindrance or burden, overwhelming feelings of great guilt and condemnation, a source of constant anxiety
- **Bat** = The occult or witchcraft, spiritual blindness
- **Chicken** = A fearful person, a young person
- **Crow** = A proud person, a thief, a demonic spirit
- **Dove** = The Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:16), innocence (Matthew 10:16), a sign that a winter season of unfruitfulness and hardship is over (Song of Solomon 2:11-12), freedom (Psalm 55:6), moaning in sorrow (Nahum 2:7, NLT) **dove's eyes** – eyes that are fixed on God alone (Song of Solomon 4:1)
- **Eagle** = Prophetic ministry (Revelation 8:13), swift movement (Deuteronomy 28:49), God's care for His people (Exodus 19:4), renewed strength after a time of waiting on the Lord (Isaiah 40:31), freedom **bald eagle** - the United States
- **Hawk** = A predator, soaring in the Spirit (Job 39:26)
- **Hen** = Nurturing and protective person, motherhood, a gossip
- **Jay** = A very gullible person
- **Loon** = Laughter, a deranged person, an emblem of Canada, state bird of Minnesota
- **Mockingbird** = A mocker, imitation, mimicking, state bird of Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee, Texas and Arkansas
- **Osprey** = A demonic attack (an osprey is a fish eating hawk – see **Fish**)
- **Ostrich** = One who is in denial or refuses to face difficult issues, a fearful person, carelessness and lacking wisdom (Job 39:13-18), a Christian who does not move in the Spirit (ostriches have wings but can't fly)
- **Owl** = Wisdom, evil spirit (a predator in the darkness)
- **Parrot** = Someone who repeats the words of others without understanding or thinking for him/herself, a mocker

- **Partridge** = one who is vulnerable to the enemy's attack (1 Samuel 26:20), one who gets rich through cheating, fraud or trickery and ends up with nothing (Jeremiah 17:11)
- **Peacock** = Vanity, a womanizer, national bird of India
- **Pelican** = Loneliness (Psalm 102:6, KJV)
- **Penguin** = Fasting (penguins will fast for over 100 days at a time)
- **Pigeon** = Someone who is easily fooled, a messenger, someone who betrays a confidence (1 Kings 21:10, MSG)
- **Quail** = The Lord's miraculous provision (Exodus 16:13)
- **Raven** = The Lord's miraculous provision (1 Kings 17:4), someone with an insatiable (ravenous) appetite
- **Rooster** = A proud and boastful person, a wakeup call
- **Sparrow** = God's love and provision in our lives, (Matthew 10:29-31), Living in God's presence (Psalm 84:2-4), something considered to be of little value (Luke 12:6), someone who is alone in the midst of a bad time of life (Psalm 102:7)
- **Stork** = New birth, wickedness (Zechariah 5:7-9)
- **Swallow** = An intended victim escaping an undeserved curse (Proverbs 26:2)
- **Swan** = Beauty and elegance
- **Turkey** = A foolish person, something that is a flop, giving thanks to the Lord
- **Vulture** = A devouring attack (Habakkuk 1:8), someone who preys on others, someone who is lurking and waiting to attack

Buffalo = Intimidation, confusion, state animal of Oklahoma, something facing extinction

Bull = Economic prosperity (a "bull" stock market), an angry uncontrollable person, a stubborn person (Isaiah 1:5, MSG), a head on attack of the enemy, the occult (horoscope), national animal of Spain

Camel = Someone with great endurance through difficult circumstances, One who bears burdens, fasting (a camel can go for a month without food), an issue of great importance (Matthew 23:24), something very large (Matthew 19:24), the Arab nations

Cat = Self-will or independence, curiosity, sneaky or deceptive **black cat** - witchcraft or superstition **fat cat** - a wealthy and prideful person Psalm 73:6-8, NLT)

Cheetah = Attack of the enemy that happens with great speed

Clam or Oyster = An uncommunicative or secretive person

Cow = The Lord's great provision (Psalm 50:10), a false God (Exodus 32:8) **fat cow** - abundant resource (Genesis 41:15-35), **skinny, scrawny cow** - lack or famine (Genesis 41:15-35), **calf** - immaturity, joyful exuberance (Psalm 29:6), prayer that is answered supernaturally unexpectedly and in an unconventional manner (1 Samuel 6:7-14)

Crab = Ill-tempered person, the occult (horoscope)

Deer = Thirst for the Lord's presence (Psalm 42:1), the ability to move into higher realms of the Spirit (2 Samuel 22:34), grace of movement, state animal of New Hampshire

Dinosaur = Old patterns of thinking or dealing with matters that are no longer effective, an overwhelming issue from the past that is still affecting one's life

Donkey = An unruly hostile person, (Genesis 16:12), a stubborn person, humility, emblem of the Democratic Party

Dog = Friendship, divine judgment (1 Kings 22:38), an evil person (Psalm 22:16, Philippians 3:2), a person looked upon by others or him/herself as a "nobody" (2 Kings 8:13), loyalty, a demonic spirit **barking dog** - warning, verbal

attack, *Steer clear of the barking dogs, those religious busybodies* (Philippians 3:2, MSG) **watchdog** – an intercessor, a watchman in the body of Christ who discerns the work of the enemy and warns the people (Ezekiel 33:6-8), protection

(A note to dog lovers: I am applying the symbolic meanings using broad strokes and at times stereotypical images. I realize that all of these dogs can be loving and gentle pets under the right circumstances)

- **Akita** = Emblem of Japan
- **Bloodhound, Bassett Hound, or Beagle** = Spiritual discernment, an evangelist
- **Bulldog** = A persistent or tenacious person, national symbol of Great Britain
- **Dalmatian** = Endurance
- **Doberman Pincher** = Protection, fearlessness, see **watchdog** above
- **German Shepherd** = Loyalty, obedience, protection, pastor, alertness, see **watchdog** above and **Sheepdog** below
- **Greyhound** = Great speed
- **Husky** = Emblem of Alaska, a servant
- **Pit Bull** = Attack of the enemy, protection, courage
- **Poodle** = Elegance
- **Rottweiler** = Attack without warning, aggression
- **Saint Bernard** = Servant, rescuer, guide
- **Sheepdog or Collie** = A pastor or anyone who provides proper guidance and oversight to Christians such as a home group leader

Elephant = Something of huge proportion, a prophetic person (elephants have very large ears), remembering the past (the expression “elephants never forget”), emblem of the Republican Party

Fish = People, both Christian and non-Christian (Matthew 13:47-48), the occult (horoscope) **big fish** – an influential person **bottom feeder** – an opportunist who takes advantage of others, a corrupt person of low morals, a scavenger

Frog = Demonic spirit, a word-curse (Revelation 16:12, 13), God's judgment (Exodus 8:4-6), rapid promotion (leapfrogging) **tree frog or coqui** - emblem of Puerto Rico

Fox = Sin (Song of Solomon 2:15), sly and crafty person (Luke 13:32), a false prophet (Ezekiel 13:4)

Gazelle or Antelope = very fast movement (2 Samuel 2:17-19), events that are unfolding very quickly, grace of movement

Giraffe = Prophetic watchman (giraffes sleep only 15 minutes per day so that they can spot predators for which they have a high perspective), teamwork (giraffes are sociable and non-territorial)

Goat = A non-Christian or a church-goer who is not right with God (Matthew 25:31-33), an unruly person, the occult (horoscope)

Groundhog = Hidden sin, a harasser, a hidden attack of the enemy a sign that a difficult season of life is nearing an end (Groundhog Day)

Hog = A selfish or gluttonous person

Horn = Strength (1 Samuel 2:1, NKJV), salvation (Psalm 18:2, NIV) authority, aggression (Exodus 21:29), a territorial spirit, anti-Christ spirit (Daniel 8:10, AMP) **ten horns** - the kingdom of anti-Christ (Revelation 17:12)

Horse = Natural human strength and power (Psalm 33:17, Proverbs 21:31) or God's strength and power (2 Kings 6:16-17), speed, warfare, the lust of the flesh (Jeremiah 5:8), No

*one repents of his wickedness, saying, "What have I done?"
Each pursues his own course like a horse charging into
battle.(Jeremiah 8:6, NIV), divine judgment in the end-times
(Revelation 6:2-8)*

Hyena = Laughter, an attack by a group of people

Insect = A pest, a seemingly insignificant problem that can do significant damage, the enemy, sin

- **Ant** = Hard work, wisdom (Proverbs 6:6-9)
- **Bees** = A swarming, stinging attack of the enemy (Deuteronomy 1:44), teamwork, evangelists, soul winners and missionaries who spread the word of God (see **Honey**)
- **Beetle or Boll Weevil** = An eating away of one's resources
- **Butterfly** = A restless and unsettled person, anxiety (Having "butterflies" in one's stomach), the beauty of the transformed Christian life, freedom
- **Caterpillar** = A person who has not yet matured
- **Chameleon** = A hypocrite, an inconsistent person
- **Cockroach** = Hidden sin in dark places, demonic spirits that "feed" on sin, an infestation of evil
- **Flea** = Something or someone seen as having insignificance (1 Samuel 26:20), a hidden attack of the enemy
- **Flies** = God's judgment (Psalm 78:45), demonic spirits
- **Gnat** = Something very small, an issue of little importance (Matthew 23:24)
- **Grasshopper** = Someone who sees him/herself as small, powerless and insignificant (Numbers 13:33), divine judgment (Psalm 78:45-47)
- **Hornet** = An angry person, torment, divine judgment (Deuteronomy 7:20-21), the Lord fighting on behalf of His people (Exodus 23:28)
- **Leech** = Someone who constantly uses others for personal gain (Proverbs 30:15)

- **Locust** = God's judgment (Joel 1:1-4), the army of God (Joel 2:1-11), a great multitude of people (Jeremiah 46:23)
- **Moth** = God's judgment against sin (Psalm 39:11), A slow but steady erosion of one's possessions, the frailty of man (Job 4:18, 19)
- **Spider** = Trap of the enemy or of sin (Isaiah 59:5), a sense of feeling trapped see also **Spider Web**
- **Termite** = An attack of the enemy or hidden sin that slowly erodes and corrupts

Jackal = An accomplice in an evil act, a person who performs menial tasks in the service of another

Kangaroo = Emblem of Australia, a contentious person, a rush to judgment, parental protection

Lamb = Jesus (Revelation 5:11-13), a gentle person, a new convert

Lemur = An evangelist - lemurs disperse seed (Matthew 3:18-23)

Leopard = An evil person (Jeremiah 13:23), attack of the enemy (Jeremiah 5:6), a demonic spirit (Revelation 13:2), the anti-Christ (Revelation 13:2), ambush (Hosea 13:7)

Lion = Jesus (Revelation 5:5), Satan (1 Peter 5:8), lurking attack of the enemy, royalty, a courageous person (Proverbs 30:30), a mighty warrior, the occult (horoscope), national animal of Denmark, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, England and Sri Lanka

Llama = Pastor or spiritual leader (Llamas are used to protect sheep from wolves), a mocker or one who expresses contempt (llamas are often known to spit)

Mink or Chinchilla = Luxury

Monkey = A mocker, acting foolish, imitation

Mouse = A fearful person, hidden sin or a hidden enemy, demonic harassing attack that feeds on sin

Mule = A person who lacks understanding (Psalm 32:9), a stubborn person, the state animal of Missouri

Octopus = A false prophet or teacher (An octopus sprays toxic black ink into the water)

Ox = A servant, one who bears burdens, hard labor (Psalm 144:14)

Panda = Emblem of China

Pig or Swine = An unrighteous person who wallows in sin (Matthew 7:6)

Possum = A deceiver

Python = Spirit of divination or witchcraft (Acts 16:16, *the word for divination used in the Greek 'puthona' is the same word for Python*), a psychic or false prophet

Rabbit = Multiplication, a harasser, illicit sexuality, fertility

Raccoon = An attack of the enemy for which sin has opened the door, a thief

Ram = Head on attack of the enemy, someone applying great pressure to get their way, the occult (horoscope), sacrifice (genesis 22:13)

Rat = Judgment of God (1 Samuel 6:5), A person of evil character, A demonic attack that "feeds on" sin, disease

Scorpion = Evil person (Ezekiel 2:6), a demonic spirit (Luke 10:19), the occult (horoscope), death

Serpent, Snake = A lie or deceit (Psalm 140:3), Satan (Revelation 12:9), wisdom or shrewdness (Psalm 140:3), evil person, healing-*when on a pole* (Numbers 21:8, 2Samuel 2:17-19), an ungodly temptation (Genesis 3:1-4) a religious hypocrite (Matthew 23:33), betrayal

Shark = Demonic attack, a con-man, a thief

Sheep = The people of God (John 10:1-6), those who blindly follow authority figures, **black sheep** – a person who has been rejected or ostracized (Hosea 13:15, MSG)

Skunk = A contemptible person

Sloth = Laziness (Proverbs 18:9, NKJV), a lack of initiative or ambition

Snail = moving at a very slow pace, a curse (Psalm 58:8)

Squirrel = Someone who hordes, the storing up of provision for future use

Sting Ray = *For sin is the sting that results in death* (1 Corinthians 15:56, NLT), one who speaks curses (1 Corinthians 4:12, AMP)

Tail = The past, an ending, fleeing in fear (Isaiah 9:15, MSG), *the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail.* (Isaiah 9:15, KJV), one who lacks authority, finances and social standing (Deuteronomy 28:43-44,

Tiger = A major attack of the enemy, an aggressive person, a violent person, a relentless person, **Royal Bengal tiger** – national animal of Nepal, Bangladesh and India

Turtle = A shy introverted person, someone who seems hardened on the outside but is “soft” on the inside, slow movement

Viper = a religious hypocrite (Matthew 23:33), drunkenness (Proverbs 23:31-33)

Weasel = A person of bad character, a sneaky person

Whale = Something huge in size, a vehicle used by the Lord to bring people back into His will and purpose (Jonah 1:17, *literally a "big fish"*), a wicked nation headed for ruin (Ezekiel 32:2, KJV)

Wolf = False prophet or teacher (Matthew 7:15), a predator, attack from within the church (Acts 20:29), a womanizer

Worm = Something or someone that is despised or looked down upon (Psalm: 22:6), a parasitic person or relationship, an attempt to escape (or "worm" out of) trouble by not taking responsibility, an attempt by an evil person or the enemy to "worm" his way into someone's life (2 Timothy 3:6), Jesus, who was despised and rejected (Psalm 22:6)

Zebra = A lukewarm Christian, someone who lives in moral compromise

II. TRANSPORTATION

MODES OF TRANSPORTATION

Ambulance = A ministry to the sick or healing ministry, a ministry that helps people in emergency situations, a serious problem that requires immediate attention,

Ark = A picture of Jesus as the One who saves us and gives us refuge and protection (Hebrews 11:7), an evangelistic ministry offering the world salvation from judgment

Airplane = A church or ministry that moves in the Spirit. (A large airliner usually symbolizes a large church.), travel over a long distance, international ministry

Battleship = Spiritual Warfare (also a **Tank** or **Fighter Plane**)

Bicycle = An individual ministry

Bus (local passenger bus) = One's daily life journey

Borrowed Vehicle = Someone who attempts to duplicate the ministry of another rather than discovering his/her own unique gifting, calling, style, etc (1 Samuel 17:37-39)

Car = An individual or small ministry, a local ministry, social status, an occupation

- **Accelerator** = Increase of speed
- **Battery** = Power of God, energy **battery charger** - the Holy Spirit
- **Brakes** = Self control, wisdom, time of waiting, decrease of speed
- **Engine** = The Holy Spirit, motivation, power
- **Fuel** = The Holy Spirit, the Word of God
- **Gas Tank** = The individual spirit of a person

- **Headlights** = The word of God (Psalm 119:105), the light of Jesus (John 8:12)
- **Horsepower** = Human strength (Psalm 33:16-17, MSG)
- **Rear view Mirror** = Looking into the past
- **Seat Belt** = Wisdom, prayer, *Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety* (Proverbs 11:14, NKJV)
- **Tires** = Tires are filled with air, which is a type of the Holy Spirit. Tires which are flat or low on air show a church or ministry in need of The Holy Spirit's presence, guidance and power.
- **Steering Wheel** = Change of direction
- **Transmission** = Reversal of direction, **reverse** – backsliding, backpedaling, headed the wrong way, going back to the past **neutral** – *lack of power, stuck in one place*, **drive** – *moving ahead*
- **Windshield** = Prophetic revelation

Chariot = Warfare (Judges 4:3, Joshua 17:16), demonic attack (Revelation 9:8-10), human strength (2 Kings 19:22-24, Psalm 20:7), the army of God (2 Kings 6:15-17, Psalm 68:17)

Convertible = A ministry operating under an open heaven, transparency

Fishing Vessel = An evangelistic ministry

Helicopter = A ministry capable of great flexibility, intercessory prayer

Hot Air Balloon = A peaceful rising in the Spirit

Jet = A fast moving, powerful ministry

Lifeboat = Jesus our Savior

Mobile Home = Traveling ministry

Motorboat = A powerful fast moving ministry

Motorcycle = A Spirit powered ministry, prophetic ministry, an individual ministry, independence, non-conformity, a ministry with great maneuverability, an independent spirit

Moving Truck = Change or relocation

Racecar = A ministry that moves quickly but might be motivated by competition

Raft = Moving without direction or purpose, way of escape, see also **Drifting**

Rental Car = A short term ministry assignment

Rocket Ship = See **OUTER SPACE**

Rowboat = Ministry that wrongly relies on human effort and striving, team ministry (where there is more than one oarsman)

Sailboat or Hang Glider = A ministry totally powered by the Holy Spirit

Salt Spreader = A ministry that brings the power of the Gospel into the community, see also **Salt**

School Bus = A teaching ministry, a children's ministry

Ship = Church or ministry: If the ship is on the ocean it could signify ministry to the peoples of the nations (Revelation: 17:15) **helm** – leadership or authority **rudder** - *It takes strong winds to move a large sailing ship, but the captain uses only a small rudder to make it go in any direction. Our tongues are small too, and yet they brag about big things* (James 3:4-5, CEV) **abandon ship** – to backslide, to walk away from a ministry assignment (Acts 13:13), to

shirk responsibility ***making headway*** – progressing and moving ahead (Acts 27:7, NIV)

Skateboard = A ministry that has times of rapid acceleration followed by periods of slowing

Sled = A ministry that moves easily through difficult circumstances, a ministry that constantly moves on the foundation of the Word of God, **see Snow**

Speeding Vehicle (illegally) = A ministry that is moving ahead of the Lord's timing

Subway = The Underground Church, ministry in the city

Tow Truck = A ministry that provides help to broken people or ministries in trouble

Tractor = Evangelism, intercession, Spiritual breakthrough

Tractor Trailer or a Freight Train or a Cargo Ship = A ministry of bringing provision and supplies such as an feeding ministry, the Lord bringing great provision to the dream subject

Train = A church that is steeped in tradition and ritual. (A train always takes the same route to the same place at the same time. There is no room for flexibility or being Holy Spirit led) a powerful ministry or one that is continuously on the move, the Lord sovereignly ordering our steps and laying out a clear path (Proverbs 3:6)

Tugboat = A ministry focused on helping other ministries move ahead or save those who are in trouble

Yacht = Wealth, luxury, ease, a ministry with great resources, a ministry to the wealthy

VEHICLES IN PRECARIOUS SITUATIONS

Backfiring = *The trouble they make for others backfires on them. The violence they plan falls on their own heads.* (Psalm 7:16, NLT)

Broken Down = A mental or emotional collapse, fear of failure, a failure due to spiritual neglect (1 Kings 18:30) or the neglect of responsibilities such as financial accountability, a problem caused by a failure to communicate

Collision = A clash between two or more Churches or ministries or leaders or ministry workers, a Church split, a personality clash

Crashing = Warning that there is trouble ahead, fear or a spirit of fear (Romans 8:15), falling into sin

Dead Battery = A lack of Spiritual power operating in a life or ministry, physical and/or emotional exhaustion

Dirty Vehicle = Sin, neglect, a pioneering or forerunner ministry going through “unpaved” territory

Drifting (Boat) = Moving without direction or purpose (Psalm 141:4, NLT), moving in spiritual darkness (John 12:35, AMP)

Engine Failure = A loss of motivation, a lack of Spiritual power due to prayerlessness or sin and disobedience, emotional burnout

Flat Tire or Low on Air = An individual or a Church or ministry in need of The Holy Spirit's presence, guidance and power.

Out of fuel = Lacking a devotional life, a Church or ministry that has been neglecting prayer and/or the Word of God, a

ministry that run's on human effort rather than God's strength and power

Overheated = A person overwhelmed by anger, an overly agitated person

Run Ashore or Aground (Boat) = Moving in the flesh rather than the Spirit

Sinking = See **Sinking or Drowning**

Speeding (Illegally) = Moving ahead of God's plan

Spinning or Out of Control = An out of control person or ministry or situation

Spinning Wheels (Without Forward Movement) = Activity that is unfruitful and nonproductive

Turning = Change in life course direction, disobedience (Deuteronomy 5:32-33)

Unable to Get Started (Vehicle) or Takeoff (Airplane) = Hindrance of the enemy, bogged down by the cares and distractions of the world, not in God's will or timing

Windshield Fogging Up = A hindrance to spiritual vision

ROAD SIGNS

Bridge Ices Before Road = During your time of transition, slow down and be cautious! You can't move ahead at the pace you're going now

Bridge is Out = It is not yet time to move into your new season

Bump = There is a slight obstacle or hindrance ahead. Prepare yourself!

Caution = Be especially diligent!

Crooked Road = The path of the wicked who bring injustice and iniquity (Isaiah 59:8)

Crossroad = A major life-decision lies ahead (Jeremiah 6:16)

Curve = Prepare to expect the unexpected!

Danger = A warning of an impending dangerous situation such as an attack of the enemy or a temptation to sin

Dead End or No Outlet = The path you're on is taking you nowhere.

Detour = There are hindrances up ahead. Go around them but don't give up!

Do Not Enter = This path is closed to you. There is danger if you take it in spite of warnings

Fork In The Road = A time of decision is at hand

Hairpin Curve = A precarious situation that will require a great deal of faith and focus to make it through with little or no leeway for veering off course

Limited View or Limited Sight Distance = A lack of prophetic vision or revelation, the inability to see past an obstacle in one's life, a call to cautiously move ahead by faith in spite of the inability to see what is ahead

Low Clearance = Only the humble will make it through

Narrow Bridge = A transition which leaves no options other than total submission to the way prescribed by God, a transition that will require total trust in God to succeed

No Parking = This is not the situation or opportunity the Lord has for you right now. Keep searching in the Lord

No Passing Zone = A call for teamwork and humility

No U Turn = Continue on the path you're on and don't turn back!

One Way = *Jesus answered, "I am the **way** and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6, NIV)*

Road Closed = This option is not available to you right now.

Road Narrows = It is time to become more focused on the Lord in your life journey. Jesus is your only option (Matthew 7:14)

Rough Road Ahead or Pavement Ends = A warning that there are trials ahead

Slippery When Wet = Do not stop moving ahead but be cautious and use wisdom during this stormy period

Slow = Don't get ahead of God's leading in your life

Stop = Wait on God before moving on! (Psalm 27:14), Cease from sinning!

Winding Road = The path you're on or are about to take is indirect with possible unexpected turns ahead.

Wrong Way = You are headed down the wrong path; turn back!

Yield = Submit to the will of God; not your own!

ROADWAYS AND PASSAGEWAYS

Alley = A sneak attack (Psalm 56:6, MSG), a dead end situation (Proverbs 4:10-12, MSG), *the lives of the wicked are dark alleys*. (Proverbs 13:9, MSG), a narrow path of transition, hidden sin

Avenue = A means of achieving a goal such as education being an avenue to getting a good job

Bridge = A transitional life season, Jesus as our passageway to the Father, a peacemaker or intermediary, a ministry that helps people to move on to new levels in their lives, a ministry that brings inner healing, a ministry that equips and trains the body of Christ ***a burning bridge*** – a broken relationship that will be very difficult to restore, leaving the past behind and moving on

Bypass Rte. = *The road of right living bypasses evil*; (Proverbs 16:17, MSG), ignoring God's Word (2 Kings 1:3-4, MSG), neglecting to seek wise counsel, making a decision that involves neglecting one's responsibilities, a path that avoids trouble or attack

Crossroads = A time and place of decision (Jeremiah 6:16), *I've brought you today to the crossroads of Blessing and Curse*. (Deuteronomy 11:26, MSG)

Gutter (Street) = The ultimate plight of the wicked, *Therefore this is what God, the Master, says: You've been more headstrong and willful than any of the nations around you, refusing my guidance, ignoring my directions. You've sunk to the gutter level of those around you.* (Ezekiel 5:7, MSG), sinful language or behavior

Highway = The path of holiness that leads to God (Isaiah 35:8-9), the path of repentance and cleansing through which divine visitation comes (Isaiah 40:3) ***fast lane*** – a fast paced constantly driven lifestyle, a rapid rate of movement to

promotion and advancement whether spiritually or naturally speaking

Road or Path = The life courses we take (Psalm 25:4, NLT), Jesus as the one narrow path that leads to the Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 7:14, NIV, John 14:6, MSG), the path of sin that leads to death (Jeremiah 25:5, NLT, Matthew 7:13, NIV)

Tunnel =A life transition, the Lord making a way for His people to get through a major hindrance or obstacle

DIRECTIONS

Above = Heaven; the seat of God's rule (Genesis 27:39), the glory of God (Numbers 9:15, Psalm 8:1), high in authority or rulership (Numbers 16:3, Esther 5:11), God's favor (Deuteronomy 10:15), fame and honor (Deuteronomy 26:19, NIV), the Lord's greatness and superiority (Psalm 95:3, Psalm 113:4), of utmost importance (Proverbs 4:23, NIV), great in status (Isaiah 2:2)

Back = The past (Genesis 19:26), memories (Philippians 3:13)

Backwards = Backsliding (Isaiah 57:17, NKJV), retreat (Psalm 40:13-15), deterioration

Below = The earthly natural realm (Deuteronomy 4:39), death (Deuteronomy 32:22), hell (Proverbs 15:24, KJV, Isaiah 14:9), lower in authority or rank, undignified

Down = Demotion, moving away from the Lord, a fall, a season of trials and tribulations, humility, worship and honor (Nehemiah 8:6, 2 Chronicles 20:18), sad or discouraged (Luke 24:18, NIV), loss of honor or prestige (Job 14:21, NLT)

East = The glory of the Lord (Ezekiel 43:2), the light of God piercing the darkness, a beginning, the eastern nations of the world such as: India, China, Japan, Indonesia, Syria, Thailand, Korea etc, see **Wind**

Far = In the distant future (Hebrews 11:13), separated from God (Psalm 10:1), being emotionally distant, having a great degree of disagreement, *We look for justice, but find none; for deliverance, but it is far away.* (Isaiah 59:11, NIV)

Forward = Prosperity (Genesis 26:12-14), to advance (Exodus 14:14-16), into God's presence (Numbers 12:4-5), progress

Front = The future (Philippians 3:13), the present

High = Greater level of authority (1 Samuel 18:5, NIV), Heaven as the abode of God (2 Samuel 22:17, NIV), the place of worship whether it be the worship of the One True God (1 Samuel 9:12-14) or idolatry (1 Kings 13:32), prideful and haughty (Job 10:16), promotion, the love of God (Psalm 103:11), honor (Psalm 112:9), *As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.* (Isaiah 55:9).

Left = Foolishness (Ecclesiastes 10:2), riches and honor as the fruit of wisdom (Proverbs 3:16), The Lord working through man's weakness, the eternal damnation of the wicked (Matthew 25:33)

Low = *Whoever exalts himself (with haughtiness and empty pride) shall be humbled (brought low)* (Matthew 23:12, AMP), those who are poor or lacking social status (Luke 1:52, KJV), lacking in authority, humility, meekness (Matthew 11:29, KJV)

Near = In the near future (Isaiah 56:1), a close relationship, *Draw near to God and He will draw near to you* (James 4:8, NKJV), having someone close by in a time of trouble

North = The throne room of God (Isaiah 14:13, Ezekiel 1:4, Job 37:22), great judgment (Jeremiah 1:14-16, Isaiah 41:25), see **Wind**

Right = Wisdom (Ecclesiastes 10:2), authority (Genesis 48:180, 1 Kings 2:19) the power of God (Exodus 15:6, Psalm 17:7), authority, long life as the fruit of wisdom (Proverbs 3:16), the natural strength and abilities of man, the eternal life of the righteous in Christ (Matthew 25:33)

South = Freedom and restoration (Psalm 126:4, AMP), rest and refreshing (Daniel 11:40), see **Wind**

Up = Promotion (Psalm 75:5-7, KJV), moving toward the Lord, flourishing (2 Kings 19:30, KJV), prideful (Isaiah 14:13), joyful, optimistic

West = A sign that a time of trial and difficulty is at hand, decline following success, an ending, western nations of the world such as: the United States, England, France, Ireland, Scotland, etc, see **Wind**.

III. NATURE

WEATHER RELATED SYMBOLS

Atmosphere = The spiritual realm, the spiritual climate of a particular place or region, the emotional climate of a place or situation

Avalanche = *Wail! God's Day of Judgment is near-- an avalanche crashing down from the Strong God!* (Isaiah 13:6, MSG), a sudden attack of the enemy that seems overwhelming, a situation in which someone is inundated by demands and pressures

Blizzard = a cold, difficult and overwhelming period of time where one's spiritual vision is impaired, *brutal oppressors* (Isaiah 25:4, MSG)

Cloudy = **white cloud** -The presence of God (Exodus 13:21), **dark cloud** -depression, a coming trial, a hindrance in hearing God's voice, confusion

Darkness = Hidden sin (Isaiah 29:15, NIV), lack of direction (Isaiah 50:10), the work of the enemy (Luke 22:53), misery and depression (Psalm 107:10), death (Psalm 88:11-12, NIV), wickedness (Isaiah 5:20)

Dew = The Word of God (Deuteronomy 32:2), unity among the people of God (Psalm 133:3), God's love and favor as he descends upon and covers His people (Hosea 14:4-6), something fresh and pure, human love which wavers and is temporary (Hosea 6:4) the Lord's blessings (Deuteronomy 33:13)

Drought = God's judgment (Zechariah 14:17), a dry and difficult season of life (Psalm 32:4), a season where there seems to be a lack of God's favor and His manifest presence

Earthquake = God's wrath and judgment (Revelation 11:13, Nahum 1:4-6), the Lord's power to deliver His people (Isaiah 29:5-7, Acts 16:25-26), upheaval or revolution

Eclipse = The Church lining up with God's purposes

Flood = Sudden terrors (Job 27:20), divine judgment (Job 20:28), a very difficult trial (Psalm 69:2), a great move of God (Isaiah 59:19, 20), an abundance of wealth (Isaiah 66:12), great evil (1 Peter 4:3, 4), an abundance of blessing (Malachi 3:10), A powerful and quick moving army (Daniel 11:40), **flash flood** – a sudden move of God or attack of the enemy
floodgate – the gate of Heaven which when opened by the Lord allows His blessings to pour down upon His people (Malachi 3:10, NIV)

Fog = Obscured spiritual vision (1 Corinthians 13:12, MSG), mental confusion

Frost = a relationship that has grown cold, a person with a cold demeanor, divine judgment (Psalm 78:46-48, KJV), a frigid and dark season (Genesis 31:40, KJV)

Groundswell = A grassroots movement

Hail = God's judgment (Exodus 9:18), a plague (Revelation 16:21), God's truth (Isaiah 28:16, 17)

Haze = Confused, disoriented, unclear

Hurricane = God's judgment, great move of the Spirit

Landslide = An easy and overwhelming victory

Lightning = God's sudden judgment (Luke 10:18), the Presence of God (2 Samuel 22:13), a sudden move of God, the voice of the Lord (Psalm 29:7) **lightning rod** – a person who often seems to attract negative attention and emotion

from others, a person, church or region suddenly hit with a move of God

Mist or Vapor = Human as opposed to divine love which wavers and is temporary (Hosea 6:4), the brevity of human life (James 4:14), the Lord totally removing our sin (Isaiah 44:22), something hidden or obscured

Rain = Outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:17), God's Word (Isaiah 55: 10, 11), God's blessing (Deuteronomy 28:12, Ezekiel 34:26), the message of the Lord (Deuteronomy 32:2), wise counsel (Job 29:23), divine judgment (Genesis 6:12-14), righteousness (Isaiah 45:8), Divine visitation (Hosea 6:3, Psalm 72:6), God's great loving kindness (Matthew 5:44-46), **spring rain**-the great end-time revival (Hosea 6:3, Acts 2:17), God's favor (Proverbs 16:15), **acid raid** – false teachings, a counterfeit spiritual movement

Rainbow = God's covenant promises (Genesis 9:13), the radiance of God's glory (Ezekiel 1:28), the mercy of God

Snow = The Word of God (Isaiah 55:9-11), purity (Psalm 51:7), a trustworthy messenger (Proverbs 25:13, NIV)

Squall = A sudden and unexpected yet brief disturbance or attack of the enemy

Storm = Trials and difficulties, attack of the enemy, God's judgment (Jeremiah 23:19), "the oppressive acts of ruthless people" (Isaiah 25:4, NLT)

Sunshine = The presence and favor of God (Psalm 84:11), the light of God, healing (Malachi 4:2)

Temperature = The measure of spiritual fervency in a an individual life or a Church (Revelation 3:15-16), the measure of a person's emotional intensity (i.e. hot tempered or cold and aloof)

Thunder = The voice of God (2 Samuel 22:14), spiritual warfare, God's judgment (Exodus 9:23), a warning of an impending attack or trial, God's glory (Psalm 29:2-4), the sound of praise (Revelation 19:6), The Lord fighting against our enemies on our behalf (1 Samuel 7:10), a call to prepare for divine visitation

Tide = The course of events in a life, region, church, etc, **a turning tide** - *The hand of God has turned the tide! The hand of God is raised in victory! The hand of God has turned the tide!*" (Psalm 118:16, MSG), **low tide** – a low point in one's life, an emotional low **high tide** – a great high point in one's life

Tornado = A mighty outburst of the Glory of God (Ezekiel 1:4-28), a powerful attack of the enemy (Job 1:19) or God's judgment (Jeremiah 23:19), the dire consequences of sin (Hosea 8:7), a violent outburst of emotion

Torrent = Overwhelming anger (Proverbs 27:4, NKJV), the wrath and judgment of God (Isaiah 30:32-33, NASB), an overwhelming flow of tears (Jeremiah 9:17, The Message Bible), a massive attack of the enemy (Psalm 124:3-5, AMP)

Tsunami or Tidal Wave = An overwhelmingly difficult situation, a massive attack of the enemy, divine judgment

Volcano = An angry and volatile person, God's wrath and jealousy (Deuteronomy 29:20, MSG), war (Hosea 10:14, MSG), the power of God (Psalm 104:32, MSG)

Waves = relentless hardships (Job 10:17, NIV), righteousness (Isaiah 48:18), restlessness of the wicked (Isaiah 57:20), false shepherds (Jude 1:12-13), one who doubts God (James 1:6), the glory of God, the turmoil of the nations (Psalm 65:7)

Wind = The Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-4), attack of the enemy (Job 1:18-19), an elusive person (Proverbs 27:16), something that

is ultimately meaningless (Ecclesiastes 1:14), troubles (Matthew 7:25), empty words (Jeremiah 5:13), ***south wind*** - time of refreshing, ***north wind*** - trial and difficulties, gossip (Proverbs 25:23), ***east wind*** - destruction, judgment, (Hosea 13:15) ***west wind*** - brings rain which can speak of blessing or hardship (Luke 12:54), the mercy of the Lord (Exodus 10:18-20)

GEOGRAPHICAL SYMBOLS

Barrens or Barren Land = Emptiness and unfruitfulness (Deuteronomy 32:10)

Beach = Rest, recreation, a boundary or limitation (Job 38:8-11), the meeting place of the flesh (sand) and the Spirit (water)

Bog or Mire or Quagmire = Deep despair (Psalm 40:2, NLT), a seemingly hopeless and desperate situation from which it seems there is no way out (Lamentations 3:55, AMP), the entanglement of sin (Ephesians 2:1-3, MSG)

Brook = The Lord's provision during a season of lack (1 Kings 17:1-5), **a bubbling brook** - wisdom (Proverbs 18:4)

Cave or Cavern = A hiding place or place of refuge (Joshua 10:17), isolation, hidden sin

Channel or Conduit = *Good leadership is a channel of water controlled by God; he directs it to whatever ends he chooses.* (Proverbs 21:1, MSG), communication, a passageway into a job or position such as volunteering at a hospital being a channel for getting a job there, something that serves as a transitional passageway in reaching a goal such as driving lessons being a channel to getting a driver's license, Jesus who is our conduit to the Father

Desert or Wilderness = A dry and barren season of one's life, loneliness (Jeremiah 51:43), a place of testing (Deuteronomy 8:2), a quiet place of rest (Psalm 55:6)

Field = The world (Matthew 13:38), the Church (1 Corinthians 3:9)

Forest = A dangerous situation (2 Samuel 18:7-9), God's people gathered in worship

(1 Chronicles 16:33, Psalm 96:12), something huge (James 3:5), a situation with many obstacles and restricted vision

Gold mine = Something of great material value such as a successful business (Psalm 119:72, MSG), an abundant resource such as an encyclopedia as a gold mine of information, a source of great glory or revelation

Hill = A small hindrance or obstacle, righteousness (Psalm 72:3), the US Congress

Iceberg = A very large hindrance or obstacle, an emotionally cold person

Island = someone who is socially isolated, a Christian who is disconnected from the body of Christ, a place of rest

Jungle = A dangerous situation, a pioneering or forerunner ministry, cutthroat competition

Lake = The Holy Spirit, the peace of God

Levee (Natural) = The Lord as our place of safety from the floods of tribulation and enemy attack

Mountain = Hindrance or obstacle (Mark 11:23), a divine encounter (Exodus 19:3, Luke 9:28), the Kingdom of God (Isaiah 56:7), a place of prayer (Luke 6:12), power, a prideful person (Isaiah 40:4), peace (Psalm 72:3)

Mountain Pass = The Lord making a path for His people to walk through obstacles and hindrances

Pastureland or Meadow = Abundant provision (Psalm 23:1-3), retirement

Peak or Pinnacle = A high level of achievement, a high point of someone's life or ministry pride (Jeremiah 49:16, NLT)

Plateau = Something that has shown no sign of progress or increase over a period of time

Pool = Physical healing (John 5, John 9:7), joy and refreshing (Psalm 114:7-8)

River = The movement and workings of the Holy Spirit in and through the people of God (John 7:38), justice (Amos 5:24), the goodness of God (Psalm 36:8), great trials and difficulties (Isaiah 43:2), peace (Isaiah 48:18), many tears (Lamentations 2:18), the life-giving ministry of the Holy Spirit, the sound of angel wings (Ezekiel 1:23-25), the sound of the voice of the Lord (Ezekiel 43:2), the sound of heavenly worship (Revelation 19:6), the joy of the Lord **Jordan River** – speaks of death to the flesh (as symbolized by those going under the waters of the Jordan River in baptism) **riverbank** - a healthy Church

Sands = a worldly or fleshly foundation for one's life (Matthew 7:26), the people of Israel (Roman 9:27), a multitude of people too numerous to count (1 Kings 4:20)

sand dune = the flesh as a hindrance to the spirit (Galatians 5:16-18), an obstacle

Sea = The multitudes of people in the nations (Revelation 17:15), the people of the nations in an uproar (Psalm 65:7), the knowledge of the glory of the Lord by the people of the Earth (Habakkuk 2:14) **deep waters** –overwhelming troubles (Psalm 69:13-15), *the purposes of a man's heart* (Proverbs 20:5, NIV), *the deep things of God* (1 Corinthians 2:9-11, NIV)

Spring (of water) = The Holy Spirit's soul satisfying and life giving work in the life of the believer (John 4:14), refreshing (Exodus 15:27), love (1 Timothy 1:5, AMP) **a dried up spring** – a false prophet or false teacher (2 Peter 2:1-17) **a muddied spring** – compromise (Proverbs 25:26) **wellspring** – a source that has an inexhaustible supply, the heart as the wellspring of life (Proverbs 4:23, NIV), understanding and wisdom (Proverbs 16:22, NKJV, Proverbs 18:4, NKJV)

Strait = A very difficult and distressful situation (2 Corinthians 6:4, AMP), Jesus as the narrow passageway leading to eternal life (Matthew 7:14, AMP), a very restrictive and confining environment

Stream = Righteousness (Amos 5:24), the presence of God (Psalm 42:1), a constant flow of tears (Psalm 119:136), the Lord's restoration (Psalm 126:4), a trend or movement

Swamp or Marsh = An overwhelming situation, something of little value, danger

Thicket = A hiding place, a place of danger (Job 38:39- 40, Jeremiah 12:5), desolation (Isaiah 17:9)

Valley or Hollow = A low point in one's life, a major life decision (Joel 3:14), a humble person (Isaiah 40:4)

Wasteland = Devastation (Deuteronomy 29:23), barrenness (Psalm 107:34, NLT), gloom (Job 30:3, NLT)

Waterfall or Cascade = *Let praise cascade off my lips* (Psalm 119:171, MSG), the wicked raging of the nations (Isaiah 17:12, MSG), the rushing sound of angel's wings (Ezekiel 1:24, MSG), the refreshing of the Holy Spirit washing over the people of God

Watershed = A dividing line or turning point in the life of a person, church, region, nation, etc – For example many consider the decision to take prayer out of American schools a watershed or turning point that moved the nation into an era of increasing sin and rebellion among the youth

Well = Salvation (Isaiah 12:3), the Holy Spirit's soul satisfying, life giving work in the life of the believer (John 4:11, 12), an abundance of knowledge or information, the deep things of the Spirit

OUTER SPACE

Alien = A Christian (1 Peter 2:11), an outsider, someone who doesn't "fit in"

Astronaut = A Christian seeking fresh encounters with the Lord, a missionary, a pastor or leader of a pioneering Church or ministry

Astronomer = A seer prophet, a visionary

Black Hole = A problem that never seems to get resolved no matter how much time and resources are thrown into it, a money and time wasting program or initiative, death (Job 3:3-4, MSG), a very difficult situation from which there is no apparent escape (Psalm 143:3, MSG)

Comet = Judgment from Heaven (Revelation 8:10), the glory of God bursting forth from His presence (2 Samuel 22:13, MSG)

Crater = A broken heart, a void in one's life

Launching Pad = Signifies that after a time of waiting a powerful ministry will be launched, a church or ministry that births other powerful churches or ministries

Meteor = Someone who rises to prominence very quickly, ***falling star*** – a Christian who falls into sin, a person of prominence who falls to obscurity

Moon = The Church as it reflects the glory of the Lord (2 Corinthians 3:18), a mother (Genesis 37:9, 10), light shining through the darkness (Isaiah 9:2) ***crescent moon (and star)*** – symbol of the Muslim faith

Orbit = A sphere of influence or authority

Planet = a pioneering ministry, a missions trip to a place where others haven't ventured before

Rocket Ship = A ministry that takes off and rises very quickly, soaring in the Spirit, an angel

Satellite = A small ministry or Church under the covering of a large ministry or Church, a nation that is being dominated or unduly influenced by another nation, a sycophant

Solar Flare = The wrath of God

Star(s) = Jesus (Numbers 24:17), satan (Isaiah 14:12), angels (Revelation 12:4), the multitudes of the Church and the nation of Israel (Genesis 22:17), teacher's of righteousness and soul-winners (Daniel 12:3), born again believers living in holiness (Philippians 2:15), a popular and prominent person, ***morning star*** – Jesus (Revelation 22:16), Satan (Isaiah 14:12) ***wandering star*** - a false Christian (Jude 1:13)

Sun = Jesus (Psalm 84:11, Revelation 1:16), those who love the Lord (Judges 5:31), justice (Psalm 37:6), the righteous (Matthew 13:43), a father (Genesis 37:9, 10)

Weightlessness = A state of complete abandonment in the Holy Spirit, freedom from burdens and worries that weigh one down

FLOWERS, PLANTS AND TREES

Flowers = Natural beauty which fades away (John 3:31), the fading glory of man (Isaiah 40:5-7), (Isaiah 28:1), the brevity of human life (James 1:10), a sign that a cold, barren season is over and a time of fruitfulness and renewal is at hand (Song of Solomon 2:12), romantic love **bouquet** – romance, a wedding, Jesus (Song of Solomon 1:13, MSG, Song of Solomon 1:14, NLT)),

- **Baby's Breath** = Innocence
- **Bitterroot** = Bitterness, unforgiveness (Hebrews 12:15), state flower of Montana
- **Cherry Blossom** = Emblem of Washington DC, national flower of Japan
- **Cactus Flower** = The Lord bringing beauty out of a dry and difficult situation , state flower of Arizona
- **Daisy** = a feeling of being refreshed and renewed, something fresh, innocence
- **Edelweiss** = Toughness, fortitude (this flower grows in very rugged terrain), remaining pure in a hostile environment, the national flower of Austria and Switzerland
- **Forget- Me- Not** = Loyalty, remembrance, an emotional relationship from the past, state flower of Alaska
- **Henna or Camphire** = The sweetness and beauty of Jesus (Song of Solomon 1:14)
- **Hibiscus** = Emblem of the tropics, state flower of Hawaii
- **Iris** = Emblem of France, faith, hope, state flower of Tennessee
- **Lily(ies)** = Great beauty (Luke 12:27), a Christian in the eyes of Jesus (Luke 12:27), the nation of Israel (Hosea 14:5), purity
- **Lotus** = Triumph and perseverance (even though the Lotus grows in the mud it prevails and grows into a beautiful flower), national flower of India and Vietnam, Hinduism, Yoga

- **Magnolia Blossom** = The state flower of Louisiana and Mississippi.
- **Mandrake** = Passionate love for God (Song of Solomon 7:13), magic and witchcraft, fertility (in ancient times mandrakes were believed to make a woman more fertile)
- **Narcissus** = Egotism
- **Orange Blossom** = State flower of Florida
- **Orchid** = Maturity, refinement, elegance, national flower of Venezuela
- **Pansy** = Thoughtfulness or remembrance (comes from the root word for pensive)
- **Rose** = Romantic love, a Christian (Song of Solomon 2:1) state flower of New York and national flower of the United States, passion **yellow rose**= friendship, emblem of Texas **bed of roses** – luxury and comfort
- **Sunflower** = Jesus, pride, state flower of Kansas
- **Tulip** = Emblem of the Netherlands
- **Violet** = Modesty, the state flower of Illinois, New Jersey, and Rhode Island.

Plants = Those who soak in God's word (Deuteronomy 32:2), the temporary nature of human life (Psalm 37:2), young men (Psalm 144:12), one who matures quickly under the Lord's care (Ezekiel 16:7), people; both righteous and evil (Matthew 15:12-14)

- **Aloe** = Healing
- **Bamboo** = Resiliency, *Emblem of Asia*
- **Climbing Bittersweet** - A memory, relationship or situation that has both pleasant and painful aspects
- **Brier** = God's judgment against the wicked (Isaiah 5:6), the wickedness of the rebellious (Ezekiel 2:6)
- **Clover** = Emblem of Ireland, superstition, luxury, Used by St Patrick in Ireland to picture the trinity
- **Flax** = human weakness and frailty (Matthew 12:20, KJV)
- **Grass** = A multitude of people too numerous to count, the godless and wicked (Job 8:11-13), the mortality of

human life (Isaiah 40:6), the flourishing of God's servants,

- **Hemlock** = Judgment (Hosea 10:4) or lawsuit (NIV), murder, hatred, bitterness
- **Hyssop** = Cleansing and purification (Psalm 51:7, Leviticus 14:52)
- **Ivy** = Sin expanding if not rooted out and overtaking one's life, the upper class, college education
- **Mustard Plant** = Something very large that came from a very small beginning (Luke 13:19), the Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 13:31-32) **mustard seed** – faith (Matthew 17:20)
- **Poison Ivy** = The danger of flirting with sin
- **Prayer Plant** = Prayer
- **Reed** = Something weak and not sturdy (2 Kings 18:21), a frail, vulnerable person (Isaiah 42:3)
- **Seaweed** = Entangling troubles (Jonah 2:5)
- **Senna** = Purging
- **Thorn** = The worries and cares of this world, or the deceptions of wealth (Matthew 13:22), a source of suffering and affliction (2 Corinthians 12:7)
- **Thistle, Bramble or Thorn bush** = Divine judgment and curse (Genesis 3:17-19), the wicked (Matthew 7:16)
- **Venus Flytrap** = The Lord's work in ensnaring the enemy, see also **Flies**
- **Weeds or Tares** = The consequences of laziness and neglect, (Proverbs 24:30-32), false Christians (Matthew 13:24-29)
- **Wheat** = True Christians (Matthew 13:24-30), the Lord's care for His people, abundance and prosperity (Joel 2:24), trial and testing (Luke 22:31), patience (James 5:7), **chaff** – useless or unsubstantial (2 Kings 19:26, MSG), the wicked and rebellious (Proverbs 20:26, AMP), false prophets (Jeremiah 23:27-28), sin (Micah 4:13, MSG) **stubble** – the wicked (Malachi 4:1), something of no eternal value (1 Corinthians 3:12, KJV) see also **Grains** under **FOOD AND DRINK**

- **Wormwood** The bitter consequences of sin (Proverbs 5:4), divine end-time judgment against the wicked (Revelation 8:10)

Trees = People (Luke 3:8-9), the Cross (Acts 5:30), the Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 13:31-33) **tall tree** – a prideful person (Ezekiel 17:24), a leader (Daniel 4:22), **small tree** – a humble person (Ezekiel 17:24), **tree planted by the water** – a righteous man or woman of God (Psalm 1:3), **tree stump** – *A life devoted to things is a dead life, a stump* (Proverbs 11:28, MSG), *If even a tenth—a remnant—survive, it will be invaded again and burned. But as a terebinth or oak tree leaves a stump when it is cut down, so Israel’s stump will be a holy seed.*” (Isaiah 6:13, NLT), a remnant **also** see **Bark, Branches, Leaves, and Roots**

- **Acacia or Shittah tree** = *The wood from this tree was used in the tabernacle to picture the perfect life that Jesus led* (Exodus 25:28)
- **Almond tree** = The watchfulness of God (Jeremiah 1:11-12), old age (Ecclesiastes 12:5)
- **Apple tree** = Jesus our bridegroom (Song of Solomon 2:3), the Lord awakening the Church through His passionate love for them (Song of Solomon 8:5)
- **Balm of Gilead** = Healing (Jeremiah 8:22)
- **Bonsai tree** = Emblem of Japan, the dwarfing of God’s purposes in one’s life
- **Cedar tree** = Powerful and mighty men (Zechariah 11:2), the prosperity of the righteous (Psalm 92:12-13), beauty, something of superior quality, those who are prideful (Isaiah 2:12-14), a great and powerful earthly kingdom (Ezekiel 31:3)
- **Cypress, Fir, Pine or Evergreen tree** = enduring or eternal, blessing and abundance in the midst of devastation (Isaiah 41:18-20), God replacing a life filled with curses and great hardships with a life of abundant blessings (Isaiah 55:13), great beauty (Isaiah 60:13), fruitfulness found in the Lord (Hosea 14:8, NIV)

- **Fig or Sycamore tree** = A sign that a season of renewal is at hand (Song of Solomon 2:12-13), a sign that Jesus' return is near
- **Juniper or Broom tree** = Misery and defeat (1 Kings 19:3-4, Job 30:3-5, Psalm 120:3-5)
- **Magnolia tree** = A symbol of the Southern states of the US
- **Mahogany tree** = Durability and stability
- **Maple tree** = A kind sweet person, the Word of God pouring through the people of God, teachers and preachers, **maple leaf** – an emblem of Canada
- **Mulberry or Balsam tree** = Sadness (from the Hebrew word *baca* which mean 'weeping')
- **Myrtle tree** = A sign of God's favor and restoration (Isaiah 55:13)
- **Oak tree** = Those who are prideful and haughty (Isaiah 2:12-14), human strength (Amos 2:9), the splendor of God exhibited through the righteous (Isaiah 61:3), death (2 Samuel 18:10, Genesis 35:8) national tree of England **acorn** - speaks of small beginnings which have potential for great growth.
- **Ohio Buckeye tree** = State tree of Ohio
- **Olive tree** = Abundance (2 Kings 18:32, the prosperity of those who trust in the Lord (Psalm 52:8), Israel (Hosea 14:5-7), God's end - time witnesses (Revelation 11:3-5), the anointing, **olive branch** – a token of peace, Jews and Christians (Romans 11:17)
- **Palm tree** = the flourishing of the righteous (Psalm 92:12), praise to the King of Kings (John 12:13), the tropics
- **Willow tree** = sadness, weeping (Psalm 137:1-2)

METALS AND PRECIOUS STONES

Brass, Bronze or Copper = God's judgment in withholding His blessings from a nation because of continued wickedness (Leviticus 26:19), bondage (Judges 16:21), warfare (2 Samuel 22:35 (*Brass, bronze and copper are used interchangeably in different Bible translations. Brass and bronze are comprised primarily of copper*) 2 Samuel 21:16), to be obstinate (Isaiah 48:4), sin and corruption (Ezekiel 22:18)

Gold = Worldly riches (Acts 3:6), holiness (Job 23:10), idolatry (Psalm 115:4), royalty and authority (Daniel 2:38), the glory of God (Haggai 2:8-9), the Lord (Job 22:24-26) God's pure and holy nature, immodesty (Revelation 18:16)

Iron = God withholding His blessings because of continued wickedness (Leviticus 26:19, Deuteronomy 28:23), bondage (Deuteronomy 28:48), strength (Deuteronomy 33:25), destruction of the wicked (Psalm 2:9), stubbornness (Isaiah 48:4) people who are hard and cruel (Jeremiah 6:28, NLT), a strong mighty and dominant earthly kingdom such as the Roman Empire (Daniel 2:40)

Lead = Sin and corruption (Ezekiel 22:18), something that weighs a person down

Platinum = The wealthy upper class, durability

Silver = Worldly riches (Genesis 13:2), redemption (Numbers 3:47-49, Numbers 18:16), idolatry (Deuteronomy 7:25), the Lord as our precious treasure (Job 22:24-26), the promises of God (Psalm 12:6), godly wisdom (Proverbs 2:3-5), the words of the godly (Proverbs 10:20, NLT), God's perfect Word (Psalm 12:6)

Steel = Inflexible, strong and tough, fearless, confidence and determination (2 Chronicles 32:8, MSG)

Tin = Sin, corruption, and idolatry (Isaiah 1:25, KJV), something that looks authentic and genuine but isn't (as Tin looks like Silver), brittle or fragile

Titanium = A Christian with great unwavering faith (Titanium can withstand great extremes of temperature)

Uranium = Toxic, destructive

PRECIOUS STONES

***There is much disagreement about the exact stones found in the Bible. Diamonds, rubies, sapphires, are not considered to be the same stones that we associate these names with. That is why various Bible translations often differ in what they call a particular stone. For example what the NKJV identifies as diamond the NIV translates as emerald (Exodus 28:18.) Also many attempts to find the symbolic meanings for various stones have been based on the placement of the stones in the breastplate of the high priest (Exodus 28:17-21.) Each stone corresponded to the name of one of the sons of Jacob. The problem is that in my research I have discovered that Bible scholars disagree on which stone corresponds to which name because of the difficulty in specifically identifying ancient stones. All in all, I have sorted it out the best I can in assigning symbolic meanings to the precious stones listed below, but you might want to further research these yourself.**

Agate = Joy or happiness – *Asher*

Amethyst = Royalty, the reward of the Lord – *Issachar*

Beryl or Chrysolite = dwelling place – *Zebulon*

Diamond = The stain of sin engraved on a heart that is hard toward God (Jeremiah 17:1, KJV), something of great value, flawless, wrestling or striving – *Naphtali*

Emerald = God's eternal grace and mercy (Revelation 4:3), an emblem of Ireland, joined together or united, the priesthood – *Levi*

Jacinth or Ligure = Good fortune in the Lord – *Gad*

Jasper = Purity, holiness, transparency, Jesus, the Church – *Benjamin*

Marble = Strength and endurance (Song of Solomon 5:15)

Onyx = Something of great worldly value (Job 28:16), increase from the Lord - *Joseph*

Pearl = That which is sacred and precious, wisdom, Jesus or a Christian (Matthew 13:45-46), something of great value which comes through long suffering, immodesty (Revelation 17:4)

Ruby or Sardius = The blood of Jesus, salvation, Jesus as the firstborn Son over all creation - *Reuben* (Colossians 1:15)

Sapphire = the heavens (Exodus 24:9-11), the throne of God (Ezekiel 1:26), elegance (Lamentations 4:7 NLT) or a shapely figure (AMP), the Lord's vindication in our lives, to judge – *Dan*

Topaz = The name Topaz comes from a Greek word meaning "to seek", God hearing our prayers – *Simeon*

Turquoise = Jesus; our sure foundation (Isaiah 54:11), Jesus as healer or giver of life, praise – *Judah*

OTHER SYMBOLS FROM NATURE

Air = Holy Spirit (John 20:21-23, Jeremiah 23:24)

Ashes = Great sorrow (2 Samuel 13:19), something worthless (Job 13:12), repentance (Job 42:6), a broken and sorrowful life (Proverbs 1:27, MSG), mourning (Jeremiah 6:26), divine judgment of the wicked (Jeremiah 21:10)

Bark = The outward persona, one's public image

Bedrock = The Lord as a firm foundation (Psalm 18:1, MSG)

Blossom = Joy (Psalm 65:12, NLT), righteousness (Psalm 72:7, MSG), the temporal nature of life (Psalm 103:15, MSG), Jesus (Song of Solomon 1:14, NIV), wickedness and pride (Ezekiel 7:10, NLT)

Branch (es) = Jesus (Isaiah 11:1, Jeremiah 23:5), Christians (John 15:5), worshipping Jesus as King (John 12:13), prosperity (Genesis 49:22)

Brimstone (Burning Sulfur) = Divine judgment (Genesis 19:24)

Bud = An person who has great potential but has not yet matured, a sign that a person or group of people will bear fruit in time (Isaiah 27:6), righteousness and praise (Isaiah 61:11, NIV)

Clay = Our frail humanity (2 Corinthians 4:7), something fragile and brittle (Daniel 2:42)

Coal = Cleansing from sin (Isaiah 6:6), God's wrath poured out (Psalm 11:6), the brilliance of God's presence (Psalm 18:11-13), the conviction that comes upon our enemies when we bless them (Romans 12:20), God's end time witnesses (Zechariah 4:11-13)

Crop = A sign of God's love and mercy (Acts 14:17, NIV), good works which are produced out of a godly life (Hebrews 6:5-10) or sin and evil which is the produce of a wicked heart (Proverbs 21:4, CEV, Hosea 10:13, NLT), people (Hosea 2:23, NLT, John 4:37, CEV) **failed crop** – sign of God's judgment (2 Chronicles 7:13, NLT), sign of laziness (Proverbs 20:4)

Decay = The deteriorating effects of sin (Matthew 7:17, AMP), death (Acts 13:34), *moral rottenness and corruption* (2 Peter 1:4)

Dust = The human body (Genesis 2:7), humiliation (Psalm 72:9), the feebleness of human nature (Psalm 103:13-15), too numerous to be counted (Genesis 13:16), God's judgment (Deuteronomy 28:24), a spiritual state of dryness, mourning (1 Samuel 4:11-13), total obscurity (1 Kings 16:2), total destruction (2 Kings 13:7), repentance (Nehemiah 9:1), death (Ecclesiastes 3:20), a long period of inactivity, spiritual slumber or despondency (Isaiah 52:2)

Fire = Holy Spirit (Revelation 4:5) the Word of God (Jeremiah 20:9), destruction of the wicked (Matthew 13:42), the presence of God in the midst of the darkness (Exodus 13:21), the Lord's work in purifying His people (Malachi 3:2), God's wrath (Psalm 89:46), the glory of the Lord (Exodus 24:17), a great trial (Psalm 66:12), temptation and sin (Proverbs 6:26-28), passionate love of God (Song of Solomon 8:6), malicious or negative speech such as gossip or cursing (James 3:5-6), a devastating attack of the enemy (Nahum 3:13), the flames of hell where there is eternal suffering for those who reject salvation in Christ (Revelation 20:14-15) **firestorm** – divine judgment bursting upon the wicked (Luke 17:29, MSG, Amos 7:4, MSG), an emotional outburst, intense controversy
Flint = Unwavering boldness (Ezekiel 3:9), a heart that is hardened toward God

Fossil = An antiquated method of doing something that no longer is productive, an old memory

Fruit = See **Food and Drinks**

Germ = Sin and corruption (Ezekiel 24:11, MSG), a demonic spirit

Gravity = A hindrance to moving into higher realms in the Holy Spirit

Ice = The Holy Spirit (ice is a form of water), a cold calculating person, someone who lacks compassion, a precarious situation

Infection = Sin (1 Timothy 6:4, MSG, Deuteronomy 20:8, MSG), a demonic stronghold see also **Virus**

Leaves = An attempt to cover one's own sin before God through dead works and religion (Genesis 3:7), the flourishing of the righteous (Proverbs 11:28, NIV), a sign of life after a season of devastation (Genesis 8:11), professing Christians who have an appearance of godliness but in actuality bare no fruit (Mark 11:11-13, Matthew 3:10), shade from the sun; symbolizing God's shelter in a difficult situation

Mud = Sin and wickedness (Isaiah 57:20, MSG), slander or defamation (Ezekiel 39:7, MSG, Matthew 12:25-27), total defeat (Micah 7:10, NKJV)

Oil = The anointing (Exodus 29:7), gladness and joy (Psalm 45:7), an abundant flow (Ezekiel 32:14), overflowing blessing (Joel 2:24), healing ministry (Mark 6:13), the Holy Spirit, fruitfulness that comes from brokenness

Parasite = A person who takes advantage of the generosity of others, sin (Deuteronomy 32:10, MSG), a demon

Plague = Severe divine judgment (Exodus 32:34-35), great affliction and torment (Psalm 38:11, NKJV), a widespread evil in a region or nation such as the plague of abortion

Quicksand = A worsening situation which seems inescapable (Psalm 69:2, MSG), a trap of the enemy

Rock = The Lord (2 Samuel 22:2), God as our place of refuge (Psalm 31:2), a very hard situation, an obstacle that causes one to stumble (Isaiah 8:14), desolation (Ezekiel 26:13-14), the end-time crushing of the evil governments of the world by the kingdom of God (Daniel 2:44-46), Jerusalem (Zechariah 12:3), Jesus as our firm foundation (Matthew 7:25), a hard heart toward God (Luke 8:6), ***cleft of the rock*** – the Lord our refuge and protector

Root = Source or origin (1 Timothy 6:10), the place where a person was born and raised, the eternal Christ (Isaiah 11:10, Revelation 5:5), the outward manifestation of the condition of the heart which begins affecting others (Hebrews 12:15), becoming settled into a new environment

Scab = An unhealed emotional wound

Seed = The Gospel message or the Word of God (Matthew 13:18-20, Luke 8:11), faith (Matthew 17:20), giving unto the Lord (2 Corinthians 9:10), a descendant; whether spiritually or naturally speaking (Galatians 3:29), sin or discord, a small beginning that has the potential to blossom into something large and powerful

Shade = Rest (Genesis 18:4, NLT), the Lord's protection over us (Psalm 121:5)

Shadow = *Our days on earth are like a passing shadow, gone so soon without a trace*

(1 Chronicles 29:15, NLT), death and darkness (Job 10:20-22), the wicked hiding in the hidden darkness to attack the righteous (Psalm 11:2), doubt cast against someone's character or integrity, the shadow of the Lord's wings which speaks of the Lord as our refuge and protection (Psalm 17:7-9), gloom (Isaiah 59:9), healing (Acts 5:14-16), a faint picture

prefiguring a future reality as for example the Sabbath day foreshadowing Jesus as our eternal rest (Colossians 2:17), something that is always shifting and changing as contrasted with God's holy character (James 1:17), a friend or companion who is constantly with you

Slate = A record of a person's past performance: *I've wiped the slate of all your wrongdoings. There's nothing left of your sins. Come back to me, come back. I've redeemed you.*" (Isaiah 44:22, MSG)

Smoke = The manifest presence of God (Exodus 19:17-18) the devastation of divine judgment of the wicked (Genesis 19:27-28), the wrath of God (2 Samuel 22:8-10), false religion (Isaiah 57:13, MSG), the brevity of human life (James 4:14, AMP), something hindering one's spiritual vision

Soil = The condition of man's heart toward God (Matthew 13:1-23) **hard soil** – hardness of heart, a difficult region to evangelize, a difficult ministry situation **fertile soil** – a tender heart toward God, a fruitful ministry or church, humanity

Spider's Web = A trap of the enemy or of sin (Isaiah 59:5), the fragility of the lives of the wicked (Job 27:18), the flimsy nature of the things that the godless put their trust in (Job 8:14, NLT), neglect, mental confusion

Steam = Angry words or actions (Isaiah 30:27-28, MSG), the expression of repressed emotions (letting off steam) see also **Mist or Vapor**

Sticks = People (Zechariah 3:2), the dryness that results from sin (Lamentations 4:8), a type of the cross (2 Kings 6:5-7), discipline or abuse **firebrand (burning stick)** - *Like a madman shooting firebrands or deadly arrows is a man who deceives his neighbor and says, "I was only joking!"* (Proverbs 26:18-19, NIV), a troublemaker.

Stone = Punishment for sin (Leviticus 20:27), idolatry (Leviticus 26:1), *and You divided the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their persecutors You threw into the deep, as a stone into the mighty waters* (Nehemiah 9:11, NKJV), strength (Job 6:12), a boundary (Job 24:2), Jesus: *Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.* (Isaiah 28:16, KJV), a hindrance (Isaiah 62:10), stubbornness (Jeremiah 5:3), a hardened heart (Ezekiel 11:19), something that blocks one's escape from a bad situation (Daniel 6:17), persecution (Matthew 23:37), rebellion (Acts 5:26), a Christian (1 Peter 2:5), hypocrisy (John 8:7) **white stone** - *To him who overcomes (conquers), I will give to eat of the manna that is hidden, and I will give him a white stone with a new name engraved on the stone, which no one knows or understands except he who receives it.* (Revelation 2:17, AMP) see also **PRECIOUS STONES**

Vine = Jesus (John 15:5), a fruit-bearing child of God (Genesis 49:22), Israel (Hosea 10:1)

Virus = A type of a demonic spirit as a virus requires a host to thrive (Matthew 12:43-45), sin which like a virus is infectious, a corrupting influence such as bigotry or greed

Water = The Word of God (Ephesians 5:26), the Holy Spirit (John 7:38), cleansing from sin (Hebrews 10:22), water baptism symbolizing death to the sinful nature and new life in the Spirit (Matthew 3:11), affliction (Isaiah 30:20) **lukewarm** - a compromised Christian life (Revelation 3:15-16), something that is boring and uninteresting **boiling** - an unstable or turbulent person (Genesis 49:4, AMP), great envy, hatred and/or anger (Acts 7:9, AMP), the wrath of God (Jeremiah 44:6, NLT) **simmering** - pent-up unexpressed emotion such as anger, to calm down after an emotional outburst (simmer down) **frozen** - incapacitated by fear or shock, a detached and unfriendly person

Wood = The Cross of Jesus, human nature, an unrighteous person (2 Timothy 2:20-21), dead works (1Corinthians 3:10-13) **dead wood** – idolatry (Psalm 135:17, MSG), a person who does not fulfill his/her responsibilities or whose job is superfluous

IV. FOOD AND DRINK

Almond = Resurrection (Numbers 17:23)

Bitter Tasting = A time of mourning (Genesis 50:10), the bitterness of bondage and oppression (Exodus 1:14), a curse (Numbers 5:19, Judges 5:23), a distressful and unhappy season of life (Ruth 1:20), unforgiveness and hostility (2 Samuel 2:26), great suffering (2 Kings 14:26)

Bittersweet Tasting = A memory, relationship or situation that has both pleasant and painful aspects

Baloney = Foolishness, an untrue statement (Job 15:2, MSG)

Bread = Jesus (John 6:35), the presence of God (Exodus 25:30), tears (Psalm 80:5), laziness (Proverbs 31:27), adversity (Isaiah 30:20), life's basic needs (Matthew 6:11), the Word of God (Luke 4:3-4)

Butter = Kind words that are insincere (Psalm 55:21), animosity (Proverbs 30:33), walking in the favor of the Lord (Job 29:5)

Cake = A gift or offering to the Lord (Exodus 29:23) or to a false God (Jeremiah 7:18),
a task that is easily accomplished, a celebration or special occasion

Cereal = See '**Grains**' below

Coffee = A wake-up call, addiction

Cookie = a person (a smart cookie, a tough cookie, a shrewd cookie etc)

Cream = Best or finest, decisive defeat, the elite

Egg = Potential of new things being birthed such as a ministry or a business, a new beginning

Fruit = Great Increase (Genesis 28:3), children (Deuteronomy 30:9), righteousness that comes through a relationship with Jesus (Philippians 1:11), the fruit of living in the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23, NIV), the consequences of our actions whether good or bad (Colossians 1:10, Ephesians 5:11), praise (Hebrews 13:15), temptation (Genesis 3:1-6), wisdom (Genesis 3:1-6), eternal life and healing (Revelation 22:1-2) **ripe fruit** - evildoers who are about to suffer divine punishment (Amos 8:1-2, NLT), spiritual maturity (Luke 8:14, AMP)

- **Apple** = The people of God, God's laws (Proverbs 7:2), speaking "the right word at the right time" (Proverbs 25:11, MSG), passion (Song of Solomon 2:5), **big apple** - Emblem of New York City
- **Date** = The good fruit of the righteous (Song of Solomon 7:7, NLT)
- **Fig** = Healing (2 Kings 20:7), abundant provision (1 Chronicles 12:39-40), Israel (Jeremiah 24:1-9)
- **Grapes** = Abundant provision (Numbers 13:24), Israel (Isaiah 65:8-9), the spilled blood of the wicked (Revelation 14:18-20)
- **Lemon** = Bitterness, something that is defective, a sour situation
- **Olives** = Jewish people (Isaiah 17:6-7)
- **Peach** = A wonderful person, a symbol of the state of Georgia, a sign that everything is going well
- **Plum** = a large financial increase, something very desirable
- **Pomegranate** = fruitfulness (Numbers 13:23), joy and beauty (Song of Solomon 4:3)

Garlic = The pleasures of the world (Numbers 11:5)

Grains (includes rice, corn, barley, oats, etc.) = People (Genesis 37:6-8), God's abundant provision (Genesis 27:28), an offering to the Lord (1 Kings 8:64), Israel (Hosea 14:7), the invisible work of the Lord in fulfilling His purposes (Mark 4:26-29), time and patience for the harvest (James 5:7)

Honey = The Word of God (Ezekiel 3:3), the deceptive, alluring words of an adulteress (Proverbs 5:3), pleasant words that encourage and build up (Proverbs 16:24), God's abundant provision (Jeremiah 32:22), a loved one

Juice = Vitality or strength (Psalm 32:3-5, MSG)

Junk Food = False teaching (2 Timothy 4:3-4, MSG), things of little or no value that distract us and take our attention away from what God would have us focus our hearts and minds on, ungodly entertainment, listening to gossip (Proverbs 18:8, MSG), indulgence

Liquor = Unclean or unholy (Leviticus 10:8-10), violence (Proverbs 20:1-3), drunkenness and confusion (Isaiah 28:7), spiritual stupor (Isaiah 29:9, AMP)

Marshmallow = An easy-going person, a timid person

Matzo (Unleavened Bread) = Jesus' sinless life (Matthew 26:26), sincerity and truth (1 Corinthians 5:6-8 NIV)

Meat = Gluttony (Proverbs 23:20), worldly indulgence (Isaiah 22:13), teachings from the Bible that can only be grasped by the mature believer (Hebrews 5:12)

Milk = The elementary teachings of the Christian faith (Hebrews 5:12), God's abundant blessings (Joel 3:18)

Nut = A problem that is hard to solve, an overzealous or fanatical person, a foolish person, a stubborn person

cracking open a nut – solving a difficult problem, getting through to a “hardheaded” person

Oil = See **OTHER SYMBOLS FROM NATURE**

Onion = The process by which the Lord brings deliverance and inner healing to His people one layer at a time

Popcorn = quick, sudden and spontaneous

Pumpkin = witchcraft, the occult, harvest

Rice = A wedding, see also **Grains**

Rotten Food = False teaching, false doctrine, The wicked and rebellious (Jeremiah 29:16-18, NLT)

Salt = An eternal covenant (2 Chronicles 13:5), the Church (Matthew 5:13), God’s purifying power (2 Kings 2:20, the AMP) the desolation of the wicked and rebellious (Jeremiah 48:9)

Spice = Prayer (Revelation 5:8), anointing (Exodus 35:8), abundance (1 Kings 10:10), the sweet fragrance of the Bride of Christ (Song of Solomon 4:10), zest, see also **SPICES AND PERFUMES**

Sour Tasting = The judgments, trials and persecutions written in God’s Word (Revelation 10:9-10), the consequences of sin (Job 20:11-15, Jeremiah 31:29), something distasteful

Stale Food = Teaching that lacks freshness and vitality

Stew = Mental and/or emotional agitation such as worrying or simmering anger

Sweet Tasting = *Bread gained by deceit is sweet to a man, but afterward his mouth will be filled with gravel* (Proverbs

20:17, NKJV), the sweet taste of God's Word (Psalm 119:103), good fellowship (Psalm 55:14), A longing fulfilled is sweet to the soul (Proverbs 13:19, NIV), wisdom (Proverbs 24:14), sleep to the weary (Ecclesiastes 5:12), the sweetness of God's presence (Song of Solomon 2:3)

Taffy = The Lord stretching His people to new levels

Vinegar = An ill-tempered person, a bitterness of speech, an ill-tempered person, a lazy person (Proverbs 10:26)

Water = The Word of God (Ephesians 5:26), the Holy Spirit (John 7:38), cleansing from sin (Hebrews 10:22), water baptism symbolizing death to the sinful nature and new life in the Spirit (Matthew 3:11), affliction (Isaiah 30:20) *cold drinking water* – refreshing of the Spirit or the Word, *Good news from far away refreshes like cold water when you are thirsty* (Proverbs 25:25, CEV)

Wine = The blood of Jesus (1 Corinthians 10:16), drunkenness (Genesis 9:21), God's wrath poured out in judgment against the unrepentant wicked (Revelation 14:10), the wickedness of the end time false religious system (Revelation 17:1-3), celebration (John 2: 1-11), **new wine** - a fresh move of the Holy Spirit ((Mark 2:22), the new covenant in Christ **old wine** – tradition, old religious forms, a past move of the Holy Spirit (Luke 5:38-39), the Old Covenant based on the law of Moses

Yeast or Leaven = Boasting and pride (1 Corinthians 5:6), hypocrisy (Luke 12:1), sin and wickedness (1 Corinthians 5:8)

V. TIMES AND SEASONS

Autumn = = Time of reaping a harvest (financial, the lost being saved, etc), the ending of a summer season of refreshing and the transition into a season of trial

Dawn = righteousness (Psalm 37:6), the path of the uncompromisingly just and righteous (Proverbs 4:18, AMP), the light of God flowing through the Church (Isaiah 58:8), a large and powerful army (Joel 2:2), the end of a dark season of trial and difficulty, the beginning of something new, a sudden revelation, a righteous ruler (2 Samuel 23:3-4, NLT) Japan is known as the land of the rising sun.

Daytime = Righteous behavior (Romans 13:13), see also **Sunshine**

Dusk or Twilight = A sign that a time of trial and difficulty is at hand, decline following success

Harvest-Time = The lost coming into the Kingdom of God (Matthew 9:35-38), the end of the world (Matthew 13:38-40), the end-time outpouring of God's wrath on the wicked (Revelation 14:15-20), the resurrection from the dead of all true believers in Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:20), a time of great financial gain which results from the Lord blessing the faithful giver (2 Corinthians 9:6-8), *"Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful desires will harvest the consequences of decay and death. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit."* (Galatians 6:8, NLT), a time of God's faithful promises being fulfilled in a life or ministry that continually and obediently does the good work of the Lord (Galatians 6:9), righteousness and peace that comes as a result of enduring the Lord's discipline (Hebrews 12:10-12)

Midnight = A time for giving thanks to the Lord (Psalm 119:62), death, intense darkness

Morning = A time of joy (Psalm 30:5), a time of expectant prayer (Psalm 5:3, Psalm 88:13), a time of praise and worship (Psalm 59:16), waiting and longing for the Lord (Psalm 88:13)

Nighttime = A time of sadness and weeping (Psalm 30:5), a time of desperate prayer (Psalm 77:2), terrors (Song of Solomon 3:8), drunkenness and a state of spiritual slumber (1 Thessalonians 5:7), see also **Darkness**

Noon = Justice (Proverbs 16:15, Psalm 37:6), a high point in one's life, clear direction and revelation, a mid-way point

Season = A period of time during which God deals with a person or church or ministry in a certain way. For example, a person may go through a season of refreshing (Acts 3:19), or a season of trial and testing (James 1:3, NKJV), *To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven* (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, KJV), God appointed times of dealing with a region, nation or even the world. This could be a season of judgment (Jeremiah 8:7, NKJV), prosperity (Genesis 41:29, NLT), etc

Spring = New beginnings, the born-again experience, the end of a season of trial (Song of Solomon 2:11, 12), a time for war (2 Samuel 11:1)

Summer = Rest, time of refreshing, a season of God's favor, a loss of strength (Psalm 32:4), a time to gather and store (Psalm 32:4, Proverbs 10:5), the time of Jesus' return (Luke 21:30)

Winter = A season of trial and tribulation, a lack of fruitfulness, a state of being cold in one's Christian walk, barrenness

SPECIAL DAYS AND SEASONS

***I realize that the celebrations of several of these holidays have pagan roots, but I address that under the category of IMAGINARY CREATURES OR BEINGS.**

Christmas = The birthing of God's purposes on Earth, family, celebration

Day of Atonement = Jesus as the atonement for our sin (Romans 5:11), the future judgment (Revelation 20:11-12), repentance

Day of Pentecost, Feast of Weeks or Shavuot = Outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2), the beginning of harvest-time (Exodus 34:21-22)

Easter = God's resurrection power, a new beginning in the Lord

Feast of Tabernacles or Succoth = God dwelling in the midst of His people (Leviticus 23: 39-43), thanking God for His abundant blessings, celebration of the harvest

Feast of Trumpets or Rosh Hashanah = The return of Jesus for His Church (1 Thessalonians 4:16), a call to repentance

Freeze Free Season = A time of favor and refreshing

Fourth of July = Freedom and liberty (Galatians 5:1, NKJV)

Halloween = Witchcraft, paganism, satanic worship

Hanukkah = The rededication of a life to the Lord (John 10:22), the Lord's miraculous provision, the Lord driving out our enemies **menorah** – Jesus as the Light of the world giving light to His people

Jubilee = Freedom from debt and bondage (Leviticus 25), redemption, restoration

New Years Eve = A sign that a new beginning is at hand, worldly revelry

Passover = Freedom and deliverance (Deuteronomy 16:1), Jesus' death on the cross bringing us salvation (1 Corinthians 5:7)

Purim or the Feast of Esther = The Lord's often unseen hand giving us victory over every plot of the enemy (Esther 9:24)

Sabbath = Jesus as our eternal rest from dead works (Hebrews 4: 6-11), a time of rest

St. Valentines Day = Love, romance

Thanksgiving = Thanking God for His provision and blessings (1 Chronicles 16:8)

VI. COLORS AND NUMBERS

***Note: None of the colors listed below refer to skin color as indicative of a particular race. All people are equally precious in the sight of God.**

Amber = The fullness of God's glory (Ezekiel 1:4)

Black = Famine and death (Revelation 6:5), darkness (Proverbs 7:9), mourning (Jeremiah 4:27-29) the occult (black magic), a financial profit

Blue = Revelation (*2 Corinthians 12:1*) sadness (the blues), heavenly or earthly authority (Ezekiel 23:6), intercession, baby boy, color of the Democratic Party

Bronze = See **METALS**

Brown = Earth, humanity, the withering of what was once alive and vibrant, wood hay and stubble or dead works (Corinthians 3:12-13)

Emerald = See **GEMSTONES**

Gold = See **METALS**

Gray = Compromise, *gray hair* - old age (1 Samuel 12:2), maturity, wisdom and experience (Proverbs 20:29, the Amplified Bible)

Green = Prosperity (*Proverbs 11:28*), life (Job 39:8), 'Go Ahead' (given a green light), healing, jealousy or envy, new beginnings (the color of spring), fertility, immature, the national color of Ireland

Multi-Colored = Favor (Genesis 37:3, KJV)

Orange = Danger, warning, fire of God, passion

Purple = Jesus as King and Ruler (*Revelation 1:5*), royalty (Judges 8:26), prosperity (Proverbs 31:22)

Red = The blood of Jesus: forgiveness, freedom, sacrifice (*Ephesians 2:13*), war and bloodshed (*Revelation 6:4*), passion, anger, Stop! (red light), financial loss, color of the Republican Party

Scarlet, Crimson = Sin (*Isaiah 1:18*)

Silver = See **METALS**

Turquoise = See **GEMSTONES**

White = Purity and righteousness (*Revelation 3:4*), innocence, angels (Acts 1:10)

Yellow = Glory, fear, hope, Slow down and be cautious (as when a traffic light turns yellow.)

NUMBERS

Through the use of the principles of biblical numerology it is possible to ascribe symbolic meaning to many more numbers than I have listed here. I do not however feel comfortable enough with that process to use it. I prefer to stick to meanings that are evident either in Scripture or everyday life.

One = Oneness, unity (Philippians 2:2), the beginning

Two = Witness (2 Corinthians 13:1), division or difference, duality

Three = The Triune God (2 Corinthians 13:14), the Third Heaven (2 Corinthians 12:2)

Four = The Earth; e.g. there are four winds, four seasons, four corners of the Earth (Revelation 7:1), worldwide

Five = God's enabling grace and power (Leviticus 26:8), the five-fold ministry (Ephesians 4:10-12)

Six = The number of man (Created on the sixth day)

Seven = Completeness or Perfection (Genesis 2:2)

Eight = New beginning (1 Peter 3:20)

Nine = The Holy Spirit: Nine fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22, 23), nine charismatic Spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:4-11), on the Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit fell at nine in the morning (Acts 2:14-19)

Ten = Trial and Testing (Daniel 1:12-15, Genesis 31:7), God's divine law and order (Exodus 34:28)

Eleven = Incomplete, short of God's perfect plan (Luke 24:9, 1 Chronicles 11:1)

Twelve = Government and leadership (Numbers 17:2, Acts 6:2), Israel (1 Kings 18:31)

Thirteen = Rebellion (Genesis 14:4, *also* Israel rebelled 13 times in the wilderness), superstition, number of original American colonies

Fourteen = The death of Jesus our Redeemer on the cross; the Lamb of God sacrificed for sin (Exodus 12:1-6, Numbers 29:12-14)

Sixteen = Love (There are 16 characteristics of love mentioned in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

Eighteen = Suffering and bondage (Judges 10:8, Luke 13:11, Jeremiah 52:27, 29, Judges 3:14)

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Twenty = A trial of great length coming to an end by the hand of the Lord (Genesis 31:38, Judges 4:1-3, 1 Samuel 7:1-3)

Twenty-Four = Perfection in government (Revelation 4:40)

Twenty-Six = Number of nations who are members of NATO

Thirty = Maturity for ministry (Numbers 4:47, 2 Samuel 5:4, Luke 3:23)

Forty = Judgment (Genesis 7:4, Numbers 14:34, Judges 13:1), testing (Deuteronomy 8:2, Matthew 4:1-2)

Fifty-Two = Number of nations that have a primarily Moslem population

Hundred = Full reward from the Lord (Mark 10:30, Genesis 26:12)

One Hundred Ninety-Two = Number of member states in the United Nations

One Hundred Ninety-Three = Number of recognized independent nations in the world

Six Hundred Sixty-Six = Antichrist (Revelation 13:18)

One Thousand = Warriors in battle (1 Samuel 29:2, Joshua 23:10, Numbers 31:5)

NAME MEANINGS

***Many times a person's name is significant in understanding a dream. I have included some of the more common names (common at least in NYC) whose meanings have possible prophetic significance.**

Aaron = Exalted, shining light

Abraham = Father of a multitude

Abigail or Gail = My father rejoiced

Aida = Help

Aidan = Fiery

Aisha = Life or lively

Albert or Alberto or Alberta = Noble and bright

Alexander or Alexandra = Defender of mankind

Alexis = Helper

Alice or Alicia = Noble

Alyssa = Rational

Amy = Beloved

Angel or Angela or Angelina = An angel or messenger

Anthony = Priceless

Ariel = Lion of God, used as a name for Jerusalem (Isaiah 29:1)

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Ava = Like a bird

Barbara = Foreign

Beatrice = Voyager

Belinda = Beautiful Snake

Bernice = One that brings victory

Brian or Brianna = Strength

Bridget = Resolute strength

Brittany = From England

Buffy = God's promise

Caleb = Brave or bold

Cassandra = Shining upon man

Charles or Carla or Carlene or Karl = Strong one

Catherine or Katrina or Kayla or Karen = Pure

Christian or Christine or Kirsten = Anointed or Christian

Christopher = Carrier of Christ

Claude or Claudia = Lame or crippled

Connor = Strong willed

Constance or Connie = Steadfastness

Daniel or Danielle = God is my judge

David = Well beloved

Dora = Gift

Edward or Eduardo = Blessed guard

Edwin = Blessed or rich friend

Elizabeth or Isabella or Betty or Beth = My God is abundance or pledged to God

Elliot or Elijah or Elias = Jehovah is God

Emily = Industrious

Emma = Universal

Ephraim = Very fruitful

Esther = Star

Ethan = Steadfast or firm

Eva, Evelyn, Evita = Life

Felix or Felicia = Happiness

Gabriel or Gabrielle = Champion of God

Gloria = Glory

Haley = Hero

Hanna or Anna = Favor or grace

Henry or Henrietta or Enrique = Ruler of the home

Hilda = Woman warrior

Hillary = Happy

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Inez = Pure

Irene or Irena = Peace

Iris = Rainbow

Isaiah = Salvation of Jehovah

Isabella = Consecrated to God

Jeremy or Jeremiah = Appointed by God

Jacob or James or Diego or Jacqueline or Jackie =
Supplanter or deceiver

Jason = Healer

Jesse = God exists

Jessica = He sees

Jocelyn = Happy

John or Juan or Juana or Jane or Giovanni or Joanna or Ann = The Lord is gracious

Jonathan = Gift of God

Jordan = Descend or descendant

Joseph or Jose = God increases

Joshua = The Lord is salvation

Judith or Judah = Praise or Jew

Juliet = Youthful

Justin or Justine = Fair minded

Kelly = Warrior

Kenneth = Sprung from fire

Lakeisha = Favorite one

Laticia = Joyful

Laura = Laurel; which speaks of victory

Leah = Weary

Leonard or Leonardo = Strong or brave as a lion.

Linda = Beautiful

Louis or Luis or Louisa = Renowned warrior

Lynn = Waterfall or Cascade

Madeline or Magdalene or Migdalia = Tower

Manuel = God is with us

Margaret or Margarita or Margot or Peggy = Pearl

Mark or Martin or Martina = Warlike

Mary or Maria or Molly or Marian = Bitterness

Matthew = Gift of God

Megan = Great

Michael or Miguel or Michelle or Mitchell = Who is like the Lord?

Monica = Advisor

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Nancy = Full of grace

Naomi = Lovable or my delight

Natalie or Natasha = The Lord's birthday

Nathaniel = Given by God

Neil = Champion

Nicholas or Nicole = People of victory or victory of the people

Noah = Comfort or rest

Paige = Assistant

Patrick or Patricia = Noble one

Paul or Pablo or Paula = Small

Raphael = God has healed

Raymond = Counselor, protector

Rebecca or Becky = Captivating, a noose

Richard or Ricardo = Dominant ruler

Robert or Roberto or Roberta = Shining with fame

Rocco = Rest

Ruth = Friend

Ryan = Royalty

Samuel or Samantha = Heard of God

Salvador = Savior

Sarah or Sally = Princess

Saul = Asked for

Sean or Shawn or Shauna = God is gracious

Serena = Tranquil or Serene

Seth = Appointed one

Shaquille = Handsome

Sofia = Wisdom

Stacie = Resurrection or fruitful

Steven or Stephen or Stephanie = Crown

Susan or Suzanne = Lilly

Tammy or Tamara = Palm tree

Theodore or Dorothy = Gift of God

Theresa or Tracy or Teri = To reap or harvest

Tiffany = Appearance of God

Timothy = Honoring God

Todd = Fox

Veronica = True image

Victor or Victoria = Conqueror

William or Guillermo = Determined guardian

Zachary = The Lord has remembered

VIII. PEOPLE

***Of course any of the people I list below can be taken literally in a dream. For example, if you dream about your mother, the dream might be speaking literally about your mother. A terrorist could signify an actual terrorist attack. My purpose in writing this dictionary is to show symbolic meanings only.**

Accuser = satan: *And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.* satan in his work of attacking the hearts and minds of God's people with condemnation and shame

Acrobat = A person who quickly changes his/her opinion on an issue to suit the circumstances

Actor = A hypocrite or pretender (Luke 6:42, AMP), a drama ministry

Advocate = *May the Lord therefore judge which of us is right and punish the guilty one. He is my advocate, and he will rescue me from your power!"* (1 Samuel 24:15, NLT), the Holy Spirit (John 14:16, AMP), *And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:* (1 John 2:1, KJV)

Air Traffic Controller = The Holy Spirit

Ambassador = A Christian as Christ's representative on Earth (2 Corinthians 5:19-21)

Ancestor = A family curse or blessing (Exodus 20:5-6), generational sin patterns (2 Chronicles 30:7), spiritual heritage and inheritance (Psalm 45:16-17)

Archer (Bow and Arrow) = The devil or a demon launching an attack (Ephesians 6:16), the Lord pouring out judgment on the wicked (2 Samuel 22:14-16), the Lord fighting on behalf of His people (2 Samuel 22:7-16), victory and deliverance (2 Kings 13:16-17), the wicked attacking the righteous (Psalm 11:1-3), the Lord's rebuke (Psalm 38:1-2, MSG), gossip and slander (Psalm 64:2-4, Proverbs 25:18, NLT), the occult (as an astrological sign)

Architect = God as designer and creator (Hebrews 11:9-10, NIV), wisdom (Proverbs 8:29-31, NLT)

Athlete = Competition, a Christian who denies him/herself sinful pleasures in order to fully live out his/her God given destiny (1 Corinthians 9:24-26) ***athletes in a team sport*** – team ministry, a family working together in the Lord, cooperation

Audience = The great cloud of witnesses; who are the souls of the saints (sanctified ones) who have gone before us, cheering us on from Heaven (Hebrews 12:1), a congregation that is experiencing worship or other ministry as a performance rather than entering in themselves, a sign that a preacher, teacher, worship leader, etc is more concerned with pleasing man than pleasing God (Galatians 1:10)

Aunt = A different church or ministry than the one the dreamer or dream subject is a member of, a false Church, actual positive or negative qualities of one's aunt

Author = Jesus as: *the author of life* (Acts 3:15, NIV), *the author of eternal salvation* (Acts 16:1, AMP), *the author and promoter of peace* (2 Corinthians 13:11, AMP), *the author and perfecter of our faith* (Hebrews 12:2, NIV) and *the author of God's creation* (Revelation 3:14, AMP)

Auto Mechanic = Someone the Lord is using to help 'fix' or realign a ministry

Baby = A new ministry that has been birthed (or will be) that is still in its beginning stages, a new believer (1 Peter 2:2), an immature believer (1 Corinthians 3:1-3, Hebrews 5:12-14), dependence

Blacksmith = The work of the enemy in creating weapons to use against God's people (Isaiah 54:16-17)

Bodyguard = The Lord (Psalm 34:20, MSG), an angel (Psalm 91:11)

Boyfriend = Something that takes the place of Jesus in one's life, actual positive or negative qualities of one's boyfriend

Brother = A male Christian (Philemon 1:16), actual positive or negative qualities of one's brother

Brother or Sister-in-law = A false Christian, a legalistic Christian, a Christian who belongs to another Church or denomination, actual positive or negative qualities of one's brother or sister-in-law

Builder = God (Hebrews 3:3-4), an apostle (1 Corinthians 3:9-11), a Christian (1 Corinthians 3:13, NLT)

Carpenter = Jesus (Mark 6:3), a kingdom builder; whether God's or man's

Celebrity = Someone who ministers or does religious acts in order to get the praise and attention of man (Matthew 6:16-18, MSG), a sign that there will be an opportunity to minister to people of influence, a sign that the ministry of the dream subject will be brought to the forefront, idolatry

Champion = The Lord who is the victor over all (Genesis 49:24, MSG), an angel (Job 33:23, MSG, Daniel 12:1, MSG), a victorious child of God

Child = Immaturity in thought, speech and actions (1 Corinthians 13:11), a Christian (Galatians 4:7), a non-Christian (1 John 3:9-11), Jesus (Revelation 12:5), a Christian with simple child-like faith and trust (Matthew 18:3, Matthew 11:25), innocence, the dreamer as a child, the inner child of the dreamer, **adopted child** – a born-again Christian (Romans 8:14-16), a ministry that the dreamer or dream subject didn't birth but has taken leadership of

Coach = The Holy Spirit, a pastor, a Church leader, a ministry leader, a discipler

Commander in Chief = Jesus as Lord of hosts (angelic army) (1 Samuel 15:2)

Conductor (Musical) = The Holy Spirit, a worship leader, a pastor or leader

Counselor = The Holy Spirit (John 14:26), God's laws and principles (Psalm 119:23-24)

Cook = A pastor or teacher's work in preparing lessons, sermons, written works that break down the Scriptures in ways that people can digest (see **Meat**)

Cowboy = A reckless person who takes unacceptable risks, an independent spirit, an adventurer, an emblem of the western U.S.

Co-Worker = A fellow Christian in the Lord's service (Philippians 2:25, NLT), actual positive or negative qualities of one's co-worker, Jesus as our co-laborer in the harvest (2 Corinthians 6:1)

Craftsman = *The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship.* (Psalm 19:1, NLT)

Deep Sea Diver = A Christian who is seeking the deep things of God (1 Corinthians 2:9-11, NIV), one who ministers to people going through great difficulties

Dispatcher = God; as He sends angels out on assignment (Psalm 78:49, NLT, Matthew 24:30-31, MSG), God; as He sends His people out on assignment (Exodus 4:19-21)

District Attorney = Satan; the accuser of the brethren (Zechariah 3:1-3), a legalistic Christian (Galatians 3:1-3)

Doctor = Jesus as healer (Luke 5:30-32), a Christian with a healing ministry

Drug Dealer = satan as the tempter (1Thessalonians 3:4-5), the sinful nature (Ephesians 2:3), witchcraft, see also **Drugs (Illegal)**

Enemy = satan and his demons (1 Peter 5:8), death (1 Corinthians 15:26), *You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. (James 4:4)*, the sinful nature as an enemy of the Spirit (Galatians 5:16-18), sin

Ex-Husband or Boyfriend = One's life before knowing Jesus, the world, a prior sin or addiction

Explorer = *I devoted myself to search for understanding and to explore by wisdom everything being done under heaven.* (Ecclesiastes 1:13, NLT), a non-believer who is seeking truth, a Christian who moves into new realms of the Holy Spirit

Exterminator = The Holy Spirit as He uncovers and destroys the hidden work of the enemy, the Holy Spirit as He uncovers and eradicates hidden sin in the life of a submitted believer

Family = The Church as the household of faith (Galatians 6:9-10)

Farmer = See **Planter** and **Harvester**

Father = God the Father, a true spiritual mentor (1 Corinthians 4:15), the Devil – if evil (John 8:44), actual positive or negative qualities of one's earthly father

Father In-law = A false god, a spiritual leader from another Church or ministry, a legalistic Church leader, actual positive or negative qualities of one's father in-law

Firefighters = Leaders who quench the fire of the Holy Spirit by disallowing prophetic utterances (1 Thessalonians 5:1), Christians whose faith in the midst of the battle acts as a shield to quench the fiery darts of the enemy (Ephesians 6:16)

First Born = Special blessing received from the father (Genesis 27:4, AMP), double portion inheritance (Deuteronomy 21:17), birthright (Genesis 25:31-33) Jesus: *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.* (Colossians 1:15, NIV)

Fisherman = Evangelist, soul winner, outreach worker (Matthew 4:18-19), You have made men like fish in the sea, like sea creatures that have no ruler. The wicked foe pulls all of them up with hooks, he catches them in his net, he gathers them up in his dragnet; and so he rejoices and is glad (Habakkuk 1:14-16, NIV) a scam artist or con-man

Fortuneteller, Medium, Psychic, Soothsayer or Spiritist = A false prophet (Isaiah 44:25, AMP), witchcraft and the occult (Deuteronomy 18:9-11)

Friend = An obedient Christian as a friend of Jesus (John 15: 14-15), a carnal person as a friend of the world (James

4:4), Jesus, actual positive or negative qualities of the particular friend

Gardener = God the Father (John 15:1), a ministry that helps people to grow in the Lord

Giant = A large intimidating obstacle (Numbers 13:33, AMP),

Graduate = One who has been tested by the Lord and has been found faithful (Exodus 15:25, NLT, Revelation 2:10), a sign of promotion (Psalm 75:6-7, AMP), one who reaches a new level of spiritual maturity (1 Corinthians 2:6, AMP)

Grandparent = Generational blessing (Psalm 112:1-2), generational curse (Exodus 34:7), past family issues, spiritual inheritance (2 Timothy 1:5), actual positive or negative qualities of one's grandparent

Guide = The Holy Spirit (John 16:12-14), Jesus (Matthew 4:19, AMP), the Word of God (Psalm 119:98, NLT), the light and truth of the Lord (Psalm 43:3, NLT), a godly leader (Psalm 78:72), the wise teachings of a parent (Proverbs 6:20-22), wisdom (Ecclesiastes 7:23, NLT), Galatians 5:18, AMP), a pastor (Titus 2:1-3, MSG), a teacher, a counselor **blind guide** – an ungodly leader or teacher who lacks spiritual vision (Matthew 15:12-14)

Harvesters or Reapers = Angels (Matthew 13:38-40, NIV), Evangelists and those who reach out to the lost (Matthew 9:35-38), *“Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful desires will harvest the consequences of decay and death. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit.”* (Galatians 6:8, NLT), see also **Harvest-Time**

Heir = Jesus (Mark 12:6-8), a born-again Christian (Romans 8:16-18), Israel (Acts 3:25)

Husband = Jesus as our heavenly bridegroom (John 3:29), something that metaphorically speaking the dreamer is

“married to” such as a job or a hobby, actual positive or negative qualities of one’s husband

Imposter = A false Christian (2 Timothy 3:12-13), the devil masquerading as an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14)

Interloper = Someone who interferes and meddles in the lives of others

Intruder = Someone or something that is intrusive such as someone who interrupts one’s private times with the Lord, a sickness or disease, sinful or tempting thoughts that intrude into one’s mind

Jockey or Horseback Rider = Someone who relies solely on human rather than divine strength, see **Horse**

Judge = God the Father (John 8:50), a judgmental person (Romans 2:1), an intermediary (1 Corinthians 6:1-4)

King = Jesus (Revelation 19:16), anti-Christ or satan (Revelation 17:10-12), *To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father* (Revelation 1:5-6)

Knight = The Lord who rescues His people (2 Samuel 22:2, MSG), an angel – (Luke 2:13, AMP) **evil knight** – satan or a demon

Landlord = God the Father (Matthew 21:33-42)

Lawyer = Jesus our Advocate (1 John 2:1-2), a legalistic Christian (Acts 21:19-21), an advocate

Life Guard = The Lord, an angel (Psalm 91:10-12)

Magician = A sorcerer or enchanter operating through demonic powers (Deuteronomy 18:9-11), a false prophet (Genesis 41:23-25, Isaiah 44:25, AMP), the anti-Christ spirit

(2 Thessalonians 2:8-10), a deceiver delivering illusions (Isaiah 30:9-11, AMP), see **Magic**

Master = Money (Matthew 6:24), Jesus (Matthew 9:10-12 KJV), sin and addiction (1 Corinthians 6:12), satan for those who do not serve the Lord (Colossians 1:13)

Matchmaker = The Holy Spirit in His role of bringing people to Jesus the Heavenly Bridegroom, a soul winner

Merchant = Jesus: *Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it* (Matthew 13:45-48, NIV)

Messenger = An angel (Daniel 4:13), a prophet (Haggai 1:13, 2 Chronicles 36:16), a priest (Malachi 2:7), Jesus (Malachi 3:1), an afflicting demon as sent by Satan (2 Corinthians 12:7), an apostle (Matthew 10:2, AMP), Christians as God's messengers bringing the Gospel to the World (Romans 11:31, AMP)

Midwife = A person the Lord has placed in the life of a dreamer or dream subject in order to facilitate the birthing of a ministry or other life purpose, a ministry designed to help people in birthing God's purposes in the lives of His people

Milkman = One who teaches or disciples new converts in Christ (Hebrews 5:13)

Mother = The Church where the dreamer or dream subject is or was nurtured in the Lord, source or origin, a spiritual mother (Titus 2:3-5), actual positive or negative qualities of one's mother

Mother in-law = An apostate Church, a legalistic Church, a Church other than the one you attend, actual positive or negative qualities of one's mother in-law

Mountain Climber = A prideful person (2 Kings 19:23, NIV), *Who may **climb the mountain** of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? Only those whose hands and hearts are pure, who do not worship idols and never tell lies. They will receive the LORD's blessing and have a right relationship with God their savior. Such people may seek you and worship in your presence, O God of Jacob.* (Psalm 24:3-5, NLT), a person who is attempting to overcome an obstacle

Murderer = satan (John 8:44), a demon, one who carries hatred toward his brother
(1 John 3:15)

Musician = Worshipper - whether worshipping the One True God (1 Chronicles 15:27) or false gods or worldly idols such as self, sinful pleasure, money, etc (Exodus 32:18), rejoicing (1 Samuel 18:6), the Lord's delight and love for His people (Zephaniah 3:17), celebration (1 Kings 1:40-42) deliverance (1 Samuel 16:23), prophecy (2 Kings 3:14-16), worldly pleasure (Amos 6:4-6), Spiritual warrior (2 Chronicles 20:20-22), see **Singing** and **Music**

Nanny = A discipler of new Converts, a children's ministry worker, an angel (Matthew 18:10)

Nurse = Healing, sacrificial service, nurturing

Niece or Nephew = A ministry that has been birthed by someone other than the dreamer, actual positive or negative qualities of one's niece or nephew

Partner = *He who robs his father or mother and says, "It's not wrong"— he is partner to him who destroys.* (Proverbs 28:24, NIV), *God will do this, for he is faithful to do what he says, and he has invited you into partnership with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*
(1 Corinthians 1:9, NLT)

Photographer = See Photograph

Pioneer = A missionary to an unreached people group (Romans 15:17-21, MSG), a forerunner ministry, the trailblazing fathers and mothers of our Christian faith who have gone before us (Hebrews 12: 1-3, MSG)

Pilot or Captain = The Lord, a pastor, a Church or ministry leader

Pirate or Marauder = The devil or a demon (John 8:44), wicked leaders in the House of the Lord (Hosea 6:8-10, NIV), a predator (Isaiah 33:21)

Planter or Sower = An evangelist or a Christian who shares his/her faith (Matthew 13:18-19), a troublemaker who “sows mistrust and suspicion in the minds of the people” (Acts 14:2, MSG), one who gives financially to the work of the Lord (2 Corinthians 9:6), the enemy as he places false Christians in the Church (Matthew 13:38-40), one who ministers to the people of God such as a teacher (1 Corinthians 9:11), one who performs good works in the Lord (Galatians 6:7-9), a doer of evil and corruption (Galatians 6:7-9), a peacemaker who spreads seeds of peace (James 3:18)

Plumber = The Holy Spirit as He unclogs the stopped up drains through which repentance and cleansing from sin flow, see also **Water** and **Shower**

Police = Authority, the Lord, protection against the enemy, an angel, **traffic cop** – direction for life or ministry

Politician = Governmental authority (Romans 13:1-4), a church leader who attempts to move ahead through maneuvering and manipulation

Potter = The Lord as He creates, shapes and molds us (Jeremiah 18:1-10, Romans 9:20-21)

Pregnant woman (or in some dreams, a man) = A sign that a ministry or the purposes of God are about to be birthed, “He who is pregnant with evil and conceives trouble gives birth to disillusionment” (Psalm 7:14, NIV), “Lust gets pregnant, and has a baby: sin! Sin grows up to adulthood, and becomes a real killer.” (James 1:13-15), Israel (Revelation 12:1-2), see also **Birth**

Prince = Jesus as the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6), Satan as *the Prince of this world* (John 12:30-32), a male Christian as a child of the King

Princess = A female Christian as a child of the King

Principal = The Lord, a pastor or leader, director of a teaching ministry

Prisoner = An unforgiving person (Matthew 18:21-35), one who is bound by sin (Romans 7:23, NIV), a non Christian (Galatians 3:22), a Christian as a willing servant of Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 1:8), *But the Scripture declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe. Before this faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed* (Galatians 3:22-23, NIV)

Prison Guard = satan and his demons keeping people in bondage, a legalistic or false Church leader (Galatians 2:4), sin and addiction (Galatians 3:22)

Prostitute = Idolaters (Exodus 34:152, Chronicles 21:11.), someone who turns to the occult or a medium instead of God (Leviticus 20:6), a person controlled by their lusts (Numbers 15:38-40), the false, apostate Church (Revelation 17)

Psychologist = The Lord working inner healing in our hearts and minds

Puppeteer = Satan as he controls the lives of the wicked, a very controlling or manipulative person, a nation that totally dominates a less powerful nation under its control (Isaiah 7:4-6)

Quarterback = The Holy Spirit, a team leader

Queen = Israel (Lamentations 1:1), The Church as the Bride of Christ the King (Psalm 45:9) **queen of heaven** – idolatry and paganism (Jeremiah 44:25)

Rebel = *The careless, the rebellious, and the unbelieving, who go against the purposes of God* (Ephesians 2:2, AMP)

Record Keeper or Registrar = An unforgiving person who keeps a record of wrongs done to him/her (1 Corinthians 13:5), a person who keeps a journal of prayer, dreams, testimonies etc, the devil who keeps an account of our sins and uses that to bring condemnation (Zechariah 3:1-3)

Referee or Umpire = The Holy Spirit as the one who lets us know (convicts us) when we break the rules (are disobedient), the Holy Spirit as the final authority, the Lord as the one who punishes sin

Refiner of Metals = The Lord as he purifies and purges our lives from sin (Malachi 3:2-4, 1 Peter 1:7)

Rescuer = The Lord who rescues us from our enemies (Luke 1:74, 2 Timothy 4:18), Jesus our Savior (Colossians 1:13), God who rescues us from our troubles (2 Timothy 3:10-11, 2 Peter 2:9), a Christian who partners with the Lord to bring the lost into the Kingdom of Heaven (Jude 1:22-24, NLT)

Savior = Jesus (2 Peter 1:10-11)

School Bus Driver = A teacher, a children's ministry leader

Servant = Jesus (Matthew 12:18), a humble and obedient Christian (Matthew 20:20-26), an angel (Revelation 19:9-10), someone in financial debt (Proverbs 22:7)

Shepherd = Jesus (John 10:11) a pastor or overseer of a Church or ministry (Acts 20:28)

Shoemaker = The Lord as the giver of peace (Ephesians 6:15), the Lord as our provider (1 Timothy 6:6)

Sister = A female Christian (1 Corinthians 9:5), wisdom (Proverbs 7:4), actual positive or negative qualities of one's sister

Slave = A Christian who lives in total obedience to God (Romans 6:22, Ephesians 6:6), a sinner as a slave to fear (Romans 8:15-16) sin and corruption (2 Peter 2:19 NLT) or money (Matthew 6:24), a legalistic Christian (Galatians 2:4)

Soldier = An angel or a demon; depending on whether he represents good or evil, a Christian engaged in Spiritual warfare (Ephesians 6:10-18), one who willingly endures suffering and hardship for the Lord (2 Timothy 2:3)

Son or Daughter = A ministry that the dreamer birthed or will birth, a child of God (Romans 8:21), actual positive or negative qualities of one's son or daughter, a spiritual son or daughter (1 Timothy 1:2, 2 Timothy 1:2, Titus 1:4)

Spy = A false Christian (Galatians 2:4), one who can prophetically discern the plans of the enemy (2 Kings 6:8-12)
double agent – a church-goer who is living in compromise

Stalker = Sinful temptation (Proverbs 6:26, AMP), poverty (Isaiah 17:4, NLT), disease and war (Ezekiel 5:17, NLT), the devil (1 Peter 5:8), a demon

Student = A Christian (Matthew 10:23-25), someone going through a season of the Lord's testing (James 1:2-4)

Surgeon = The Holy Spirit as he performs healing in our physical body or in our emotions, The Holy Spirit's work of removing sin from our lives, **scalpel** – the Word of God (Hebrews 4:12, MSG) **operating table** – a spiritual posture of submission to the work of the Lord as he cuts away harmful sin, wrong attitudes and emotional baggage

Swimmer = See **Swimming**

Teacher = Jesus (John 13:13, Matthew 19:16), the Holy Spirit (John 14:26)

Teddy Bear = Childhood, childlikeness, someone who appears rough but is actually gentle, a bad situation that will turn out okay

Terrorist = Distress and anguish (Job 15:24, NIV), a demonic spirit of fear (2 Timothy 1:7), a fearful heart (Deuteronomy 28:67), sickness and disease (Deuteronomy 28:60, MSG), distress and anguish (Job 15:24), One who the “voice of the enemy” speaks through such as a gossip or slanderer (Psalm 55:3-4) the devil (Psalm 55:3-4), a demon, the wicked and unjust (Proverbs 22:8, NLT)

Thief = The enemy (John 10:10), a sudden unexpected event (1 Thessalonians 5:4), an activity that robs our time with God

Tutor = A discipler in the faith, *Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.* (Galatians 3:24, NKJV), a mentor in sin and rebellion

Twins = Fruitfulness, double anointing, multiplication anointing

Tyrant or Dictator = A wicked leader or ruler (Isaiah 14:5, AMP), the demonic powers (Colossians 2:15, MSG), a very controlling person, one who leads through intimidation and control

Uncle = A mentor outside of your own Church or ministry, a false god, a false shepherd or teacher, actual positive or negative qualities of one's uncle

Unseen or Unknown Man = The Holy Spirit, an angel, satan, a demon, the new move of the Spirit where the average "no-name" believer is being raised up to walk in supernatural power and glory

Unseen or Unknown Woman = Wisdom (Proverbs 1:20, Proverbs 4:6), an angel, a demon (Acts 19:27), temptation (Proverbs 7:6-27), justice, the Church

Vagabond = An irresponsible person with no sense of purpose or direction, a church-hopper

Ventriloquist = A demonic spirit who speaks evil words such as slander or gossip through human vessels who submit to his control – *And the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, **for it is set on fire by hell itself.*** (James 3:6, MSG), a lying spirit speaking lies through the mouth of a false prophet (2 Chronicles 18:21)

Virgin = A born-again Christian (Matthew 25:1-13), Israel (Amos 5:2, Jeremiah 31:21)

Visionary = A prophet with a seer anointing (Deuteronomy 13:1, MSG)

Waiter = A teacher (one who serves 'Spiritual food'), a servant (Matt.23:11)

Watchman = One who discerns the work of the enemy and warns the people of God (Ezekiel 33:6), a prophet who warns the people of God of their sin with the goal of bringing them to repentance (Ezekiel 33:7-9), a pastor or leader responsible for watching over God's people (Isaiah 56:10-11, NLT)

Weather Forecaster = A prophet who discerns God's times and seasons (Luke 12:55-57)

Weightlifter = One who is bearing heavy burdens (Matthew 11:28, NLT), the Lord building up our faith, patience and endurance through allowing trials and difficulties in our lives (James 1:3-4)

Whistle Blower = A person who uncovers and reports dishonesty and corruption within an organization, a prophetic watchman who sees and signals danger ahead (Ezekiel 33:6)

Wife = The Church body (Revelations 19:7), something that metaphorically speaking the dreamer is "married to" such as a job or a hobby, actual positive or negative qualities of one's wife

Witch = A rebellious person (1 Samuel 15:23), a false prophet (Isaiah 44:25, AMP, Jeremiah 14:14, AMP), a worker of counterfeit miracles which are performed using satanic powers (2 Thessalonians 2:8-10), a seductress (Proverbs 7:21), a legalistic teacher or leader who leads God's people into a gospel of works rather than grace (Galatians 3:1-3), one who is controlling and manipulative

X-Ray Technician = The Holy Spirit as he looks into the innermost condition of our hearts in order to expose sin, fear and wrong motives (Psalm 44:20-21, Psalm 139:23-24)

CIRCUS PERFORMERS

Clown = A foolish person, someone who keeps his/her true feelings hidden, joy

Contortionist = A deceitful person who twists words

Juggler = Someone who has a very hectic schedule, a manipulative person

Knife Thrower = A gossip or slanderer

Lion Tamer = The Lord; who thwarts the devouring attack of the enemy (Daniel 6:1-23)

Strongman = The devil or a demonic power (Matthew 12:28-29)

Sword Swallower = A Christian who devours the Word of God

Tightrope Walker = Someone in a very precarious situation

BIBLICAL FIGURES

Under each Bible character I will list just a few characteristics or functions for each as described in Scripture. This is not meant to give a comprehensive picture by any means

Aaron = High Priest who interceded with the Lord on behalf of the people, yielded to the will of the people instead of standing firm in the Lord, received supernatural confirmation of his ministry before the people

Abraham = Man of radical faith and obedience, willing to sacrifice everything for the Lord, God called him His friend

Angel = Spiritual being, protector of God's people (Psalm 34:7), the Lord's messenger (Judges 2:4), carries out the Lord's judgments (2 Samuel 24:15-17), a heavenly worshipper of the Most High God (Psalm 148:2), wars against demonic powers of darkness (Daniel 10:12-13, NLT)

Anna = Prophetess, she patiently waited many for God's promise to be fulfilled and she was rewarded for her faithfulness

Balaam = Prophet who lived in compromise and greed

Barnabas = Encourager, spiritual father, helped launch others into their callings in spite of their past failures (Acts 9:26-28, Acts 15:36-40)

Cain = Wanted to serve God on his own terms which was unacceptable to the Lord, murdered his brother in a jealous rage

David = Passionate worshipper who loved God's word and His Presence, was shown mercy by God in spite of his great sin, a man after God's own heart (Acts 13:22)

Daniel = Man of prayer, received many heavenly visitations, a prophet of great character, found victory in an impossible situation, stood in the gap in prayer for the sins of his generation and past generations, interpreted dreams

Deborah = Female leader, prophetess and liberator of God's people

Demon = Evil spiritual beings who serve the devil in his work of attempting to hinder God's people in every way (Ephesians 6:11-13), demons can possess a non believer's body, soul and spirit (Matthew 8:28-29), demons can cause affliction and sickness (Matthew 17:14-20, Luke 13:11), demons are the source of witchcraft, fortunetelling and other occult practices (Acts 16:16-18)

Elijah = Miracle working prophet, man of great faith

Elisha = A prophet with a double portion anointing, received his anointing and mantle after a season of humble and faithful servitude to Elijah, did great miracles but remained humble and compassionate

Enoch = Walked with God in great faith and intimacy

Esther = Interceded with the king on behalf of the people, willing to face death in order to accomplish the Lord's assignment, *Esther obtained favor in the sight of all them that looked upon her*" (Esther 2:15, KJV)

Ezekiel = Name means: God will strengthen, had visions of the glory of God and the River of God, uncovered corruption and idolatry going on behind the scenes in the Holy Temple, was transported in the Spirit

Gideon = An ordinary person (who saw himself as a nobody) raised up by God as a mighty leader who brought deliverance to God's people, after a season of great victory he slipped into idolatry

Goliath = An enemy that appeared undefeatable who taunted the people of God, was eventually defeated by David who totally trusted in God for the victory

Haman = Plotted to destroy the Jewish people and in the end he himself was destroyed

Hanna = Persisted in prayer until the Lord answered her request, dedicated her son to the service of the Lord

Hosea = Displayed great forgiveness and mercy to his spouse as a picture of God's great love and mercy toward His people

Isaiah = Had a great vision of the throne room of God

Jacob = Got his way through crafty and deceptive means, he tenaciously wrestled with God for His blessing,

Jeremiah = A prophet who was broken for God's people and wept over them, his prophetic ministry was virtually totally rejected, walked at times through emotional darkness

Jezebel = Extremely controlling and seductive queen, used intimidation and violence to get her way, brought witchcraft and idolatry to God's people

Job = Worshipped God in the midst of great loss and suffering, man of great favor, suffered rejection and criticism but overcame

John = Beloved of Jesus, visited Heaven and received great revelations, preacher of love

John Mark = Failed miserably on a missions trip as he abandoned his traveling companions because of fear one of whom was Paul, John Mark was restored through the ministry of Barnabas and Paul later said of him "*Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry*" (2 Timothy 4:11, NKJV)

John the Baptist = Forerunner ministry, preacher of repentance

Jonah = Rebelled against the Lord's calling in his life, saw a nation transformed through his ministry, received a second chance after failure

Joseph (OT) = Great patience in suffering, refused to compromise at any cost, interpreted dreams, had great favor with his father and the king

Joshua = Led the people into the land of promise, loved to sit in the presence of God, challenged God's people to walk in greater levels of holiness and faithfulness, God promised to give him victory everywhere he "*set his foot*" (Joshua 1:2-4, NIV)

Judas Iscariot = Traitor, thief

Lazarus = Resurrected from the dead, was Jesus' friend

Lot = *Lot lived right and was greatly troubled by the terrible way those wicked people were living. He was a good man, and day after day he suffered because of the evil things he saw and heard. So the Lord rescued him.* (2 Peter 2:7-8, CEV)

Martha = Business, servanthood, distraction

Mary (Mother of Jesus) = An ordinary girl used mightily by God

Mary (of Bethany) = Deep worship and adoration

Michal (David's Wife) = Mocked David as he freely worshipped and danced before the Lord for which God cursed her with barrenness

Mordechai = Uncovered the plot of the enemy, spiritual father and mentor

Moses = *"When a prophet of the LORD is among you, I reveal myself to him in visions; I speak to him in dreams. But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house. With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the Lord. (Numbers 12:6-8, NIV), leader with great humility, had tremendous hunger for the presence of God, He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward (Hebrews 11:26)*

Noah = Lived righteously before God in the midst of great evil, showed great faith in the midst of rejection and persecution, a preacher of righteousness

Paul = True apostolic father, suffered greatly for Jesus but never complained or gave up, missionary, Church planter, moved in great miraculous power and authority, fought against and exposed legalism

Peter = Tremendously effective soul winner, apostle to the Jewish people, radically transformed when he was filled with the Holy Spirit

Samson = A man of great anointing whose ministry was overcome by fleshly desires, repented and was greatly used by God at the end of his life, man of great strength and power but displayed little character

Samuel = Remained a righteous and faithful priest and prophet in the midst of a corrupt religious and governmental system, prophesied God's judgment against the corrupt priesthood of Eli, *and the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the Lord and with men (1 Samuel 2:26, NIV)*

Sarah = Miraculously had a child when she was well past child bearing age

satan or the devil = Tempts people to sin (Genesis 3:1, AMP), the spiritual adversary and enemy of God's people (Job 1:12, AMP, 1 Peter 5:8), source of sickness and suffering (Job 2:7), the father of lies (John 8:44), *You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God.* (Ephesians 2:2, NLT), accuser and slanderer of God's people (Revelation 12:10)

Saul = A leader whose desire to be praised by man was greater than his desire to please God, success by those under him was met with jealousy, envy and murderous hatred, was physically impressive but lacked inner character

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego = Refused to bow down to idols even at the cost of their lives, were thrown into the fire but the Lord miraculously spared their lives

Solomon = Had great wisdom, in spite of his wisdom and zeal for the Lord he was overcome by greed and compromise, had great wealth which he realized in the end was meaningless in light of eternity, a picture of Jesus Our Bridegroom in the Song of Solomon

Stephen = Martyr, bold and fearless speaker of truth

Thomas = Told by Jesus to: *Stop doubting and have faith!"* (John 20:27, CEV)

SERVANTS OF THE LORD

*** Often in dreams a prominent minister of the Gospel will appear as a dream character. As with most dreams elements these appearances are typically symbolic. I have listed here a number of prominent men and women of God of the past and present and describe a few elements of their ministries. I also included websites for further research. (A great website for reading about many other past giants of the faith is *godsgenerals.com*; It also contains videos of actual miracles done through men of the 50s healing revival.)**

Carlos Anacondia = Argentinean evangelist with a tremendous deliverance ministry, the Lord uses Carlos to perform many miraculous healings - *reachingsouls.com*

John and Carol Arnott = Pastored the Toronto Blessing which has as its centerpiece the impartation of the Father's love, they equip the body of Christ in achieving great intimacy with the Lord through soaking prayer - *tacf.org*

Heidi Baker = Missionary to Mozambique who has planted thousands of churches and built many orphanages, Heidi and her husband Rolland have seen tremendous miracles and God's mighty provision in the mission field all birthed out of Intimacy with the Lord - *irismin.org*

Todd Bentley = Todd holds worldwide evangelistic crusades, his teams win many souls through signs, wonders and miracles, he spend hours soaking in the presence of God which he considers one of the major keys to the anointing - *freshfire.ca*

Mike Bickle = Founder of the International House of Prayer in Kansas City which ministers to the Lord in prayer and worship 24 hours per day 7 days per week, he teaches with

great passion on the unconditional love of God for His people
- *ihop.org*

Reinhard Bonnke = Ministering primarily in Africa he has won millions of souls to the Lord through evangelistic crusades (48 million from 1995-2005), Many miracles occur in his meetings including the dead being raised - *cfan.org*

William Branham = Powerful leader of the 1950s healing revival, he had many angelic visitations, Brother Branham moved in a highly accurate prophetic gift with incredibly on target words of knowledge – *godsgenerals.com*

Juanita Bynum = A prophetess and prophetic songstress who challenges the Church to walk in increasingly greater levels of holiness and purity - *juanitabynum.com*

Mahesh Chavda = A pastor who was a former Hindu, the glory of God is wonderfully manifested in his meetings and tremendous miracles take place – *maheshchavda.com*

David Yonggi Cho = Pastor of the world's largest church located in Seoul, South Korea, he built up the local church by organizing cell groups which began to multiply in a very short amount of time - *davidcho.com*

Randy Clark = Revivalist who ignited the Toronto Blessing in 1994, he has a powerful healing gift, he was totally burned out in his pastoral ministry before being radically impacted by the Lord through Rodney Howard-Browne - *globalawakening.com*

Kim Clement = Prophet to the nations, he ministers through powerful prophetic music - *kimclement.com*

Jack Coe = Evangelist of the 1950s who held massive healing crusades, many times in his meeting or through his radio ministry people would grow back body parts that had been lost -

James Dobson = Teacher, author and radio personality who defends and promotes Christian values in our nation and teaches families to live victoriously in Christ - *focusonthefamily.com*

Jonathan Edwards = Led the Great Awakening which was a great revival in 18th century colonial America, became a missionary to the Native Americans, was a prolific theological author - *.jonathan-edwards.org*

Lou Engle = Founder of the Call which is a movement focused on challenging the young people in the body of Christ to a radical lifestyle of prayer, fasting, holiness and obedience, also the founder of the Cause which their website describes as: *a grassroots movement of prayer and fasting to contend for the return of righteousness and justice to America.* - *thecauseusa.com*

Maria Woodworth-Etter = *Within a short time after Maria Woodworth-Etter responded to God's call to "go out in the highways and hedges and gather in the lost sheep," people were thronging to hear her speak with signs and wonders following. By 1885, without a public address system, crowds of over twenty-five thousand pressed in to hear her minister while hundreds fell to the ground under the power of God. Woodworth-Etter not only shook up denominational religion, she rocked the secular world with life-altering displays of God's power. (Quoted from **godsgenerals.com**)*

Charles Finney = Played a prominent role in the Second Great Awakening in the 19th century, he fought for social justice and preached against slavery, led over 100,000 souls to the Lord of which 85% never strayed (as cited on *gospeltruth.net/lawsonbio.htm*), at times people would fall under the conviction of sin even as he passed them on the street - *charles-finney.com*

Billy Graham = An evangelist who has brought many thousands into the Kingdom through mass evangelism crusades, television and radio - *billygraham.org*

Franklin Graham = Evangelist who heads up Samaritan's Purse which is an evangelistic relief organization with an annual budget of 264 million dollars, they minister to the needy in more than 100 nations - *samaritanaspurse.org*

Kenneth Hagen = Preached and demonstrated the power of faith, he taught that God wants His people to be prosperous and free of sickness – *rhema.org*

Jack Hayford = The founding pastor of Church on the Way which is a very large church in Van Nuys California and also the founder of The King's College and Seminary, Dr Hayford has written almost 50 books many of which teach on living a victorious spirit- filled and empowered life and he has also written many worship songs, has a prolific television and radio teaching ministry, he often serves as a bridge in the body of Christ by bringing together different cultural groups and divergent streams - *jackhayford.com*

Ruth Ward Heflin = Her revival meetings were often marked by the appearance of gold dust as well as jewels signifying the glory ream of Heaven poured out on Earth, she had a powerful ministry in Israel – *calvarycampground.org/rheflin.htm*

Steve Hill = The evangelist of the Brownsville Revival who preached a message of holiness and repentance while seeing tens of thousands run to the altars over 5 years, now serves as a pastor/evangelist as he sees souls saved worldwide - *heartlandfamily.com*

Rodney Howard-Browne = Brings joy to the Church through holy laughter as the River of God is released through his ministry, he has been a catalyst for many moves of God

worldwide despite being blasted by self styled 'critics' - *revival.com*

John Paul Jackson = Equips the body of Christ in dream interpretation and prophetic ministry - *streamsministries.com*

Cindy Jacobs = A powerful prophetess and intercessor, she mobilizes strategic worldwide intercession - *generals.org*

TD Jakes = Pastors a multi-racial, multi-ethnic, debt-free church of 30,000 in Dallas, Texas, he is also a successful entrepreneur and prolific writer, Pastor Jakes produced several God glorifying movies - *tdjakes.org*

Bill Johnson = Pastor who equips and releases the body of Christ to walk in supernatural revelation and power as part of everyday life - *ibethel.org*

Bob Jones = A prophet who receives clear visions of what is to come on the Earth, he has received many angelic visitations - *bobjones.org*

Rick Joyner = An apostolic leader who has had a great hand in launching the prophetic movement in the U.S., he has written extensively about his many visions and divine encounters - *morningstarministries.org*

John Kilpatrick - Pastored the Brownsville Revival which followed two and a half years of intense prayer, he teaches on the power of the spoken blessing, he ministers often on the blessings of living a holy life - *partnersinrevival.org*

Patricia King = Trains believers to enter into the throneroom of God, she equips and mobilizes prophetic evangelism teams to reach the lost - *extremeprophetic.com*

Kathryn Kuhlman = Held evangelistic meetings in which the power of God was greatly manifested and many miraculous healings took place - *kathrynkuhlman.com*

John G. Lake = Brought revival to Africa as a missionary through signs and wonders, according to **healingrooms.com**
John G. Lake: was responsible for raising over 1,000,000 converts, 625 churches and 1,250 preachers in five years of ministry, after returning to the U.S. he saw over 100,000 healings through his ministry in Spokane, Washington - healingrooms.com

Joel Osteen = Since becoming pastor of Lakewood Church in Houston, Texas in 1999 attendance has quadrupled, He is seen extensively on television preaching a message of God's love and grace - *joelosteen.com*

Cal Pierce = Redug the wells of John G. Lake's healing revival in Spokane, Washington and has reestablished the ministry of healing rooms resulting in hundreds of healings, his ministry is to equip the average believer to heal the sick - *healingrooms.com*

Chuck Pierce = *He is known for his accurate prophetic gifting which helps direct nations, cities, churches and individuals in understanding the times and seasons we live in. (quoted from glory-of-zion.org), he helps to oversee intercessory teams who are sent out on assignment throughout the Earth - glory-of-zion.org*

Derek Prince = Derek was a renowned teacher with a daily radio show and over 40 books to his credit, he had a tremendous anointing for deliverance - *derekprince.org*

Oral Roberts = His pioneering healing ministry has touched many, many lives through his television broadcasts, over 120 books and worldwide crusades, he founded ORU which has become a top university in the nation - *orm.cc*

John and Paula Sanford = They minister inner healing and inner freedom from sin and unforgiveness - *elijahhouse.org*

Aimee Semple McPherson = She innovated using the arts as a means of spreading the Gospel over 70 years ago, as one of the first female revivalists she ministered in the power of the Holy Spirit, she founded the Foursquare Gospel denomination - www.foursquare.org

William Seymour = The major leader of the Azusa Street Revival in the early 1900s which started in Los Angeles and touched the world, asked the Lord to fill him with “*the real Holy Ghost and fire with tongues and love and power of God like the apostles had.*” (Quoted from williamjseymour.com) - azusastreet.org

Dutch Sheets = A pastor/teacher who also ministers to the body of Christ worldwide, He is particularly known for his teachings on prayer and intercession - dutchsheets.org

Charles Stanley = A pastor of a very large Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia and a renowned teacher and author, through his TV and radio ministries Dr. Stanley’s teachings are heard worldwide - intouch.org

Tommy Tenney = Ministers to the hearts of believers to passionately pursue the presence and glory of the Lord - godchasers.net

Jason Upton = A passionate worship leader who believes that intimacy with the Lord is the centerpiece of worship and a victorious life - jasonupton.net/com

Rick Warren = Wrote the book *The Purpose Driven Life* which is the best selling hardcover book in American history, he pastors Saddleback Church in California which averages 22,000 attendees per Sunday and 300 community ministries, he is deeply involved in helping the poor both locally and worldwide - purposedrivenlife.com

John Wesley = Preaching in 18th century England he held mass evangelistic crusades in open fields as most churches

closed the door to his biblical message, Wesley and his followers were often persecuted and attacked by mobs - *godrules.net*

Smith Wiggelsworth = Walked in a powerful and prolific healing anointing in England during the first half of the 20th century, several were raised from the dead through his ministry, he was known as 'the Apostle of Faith' - *godsgenerals.com*

David Wilkerson = Founder of Teen Challenge which provides freedom for those struggling with addictions and life controlling problems, he is a preacher of holiness and separation from worldliness and is the founding pastor of Times Square Church in NYC - *teenchallengeusa.com* and *davidwilkerson.org/ministries*

IMAGINARY CREATURES OR BEINGS

Alien = See **OUTER SPACE**

Boogeyman = Satan who lurks in the darkness waiting to attack the innocent

Cupid = Human rather than divine love

Dragon = The devil (Revelation 12:7-9)

Dr Jekyll and Mr. Hyde = A religious hypocrite, a double minded person (James 4:8)

Easter Bunny = Paganism and idolatry, the religious spirit, counterfeit

Energizer Bunny = A person of great persistence and endurance

Frankenstein Monster = The wages of sin are death – creator killed by his creation (Romans 6:23), the dangers of scientists and doctors “playing God” (genetic engineering, abortion, euthanasia, etc)

Genie = A false image of God as having to meet our demands

Goblin = A demon working his evil through a person

Gremlin = A demonic root of a problem or disturbance

Grim Reaper = The spirit of death (Jeremiah 9:21)

Grinch = A bitter and spiteful person

Harry Potter = Witchcraft, satan appearing as an angel of light

Mermaid, Sea Nymph or Siren = A seductress or a seductive spirit that will lead to ruin

Mickey Mouse = Something trivial or unimportant, an organization that keeps a low standard of quality

Monster = A dangerous wicked person (Psalm 31:11 MSG, Ezekiel 29:2-4), a powerful enemy (Isaiah 27:1), the kingdom of anti-Christ (Daniel 7:18-20, MSG), a demonic spirit, a huge problem or trial

Mummy = A past sin that had been repented of and forgiven but now has again become a temptation, a past hurtful memory was healed but now seems to coming again to the surface, the spirit of death (Jeremiah 9:21)

Ogre = An exceptionally cruel, wicked and destructive person

Peter Pan = Immaturity

Phantom = An illusion or delusion, believing a lie

Pinocchio = A liar

Sandman = The religious spirit which lulls God's people to sleep

Santa Claus = Worldliness, idolatry, the religious spirit, counterfeit religion

Scrooge = A miserly and uncompassionate person

Troll or Gnome = A hidden attack of the enemy, witchcraft, a hindering spirit

Vampire = A demonic spirit of death (Jeremiah 9:21), an evil person that preys on and exploits people

Werewolf = The sinful nature manifesting itself above the spirit (Galatians 5:16-22)

Zombie = Voodoo or the occult, spirit of death (Jeremiah 9:21), an apathetic or lifeless person

IX. BIBLICAL PLACES, SPICES AND PERFUMES

***At times a dream will take place in the setting of an ancient biblical town, city or country. I am listing the name meaning for each of the location listed below. All meanings in this section are taken from Hitchcock's Bible Names Dictionary, The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia or Smith's Bible Dictionary I am also detailing one biblical association for each.**

Baca = Weeping – The Israelites had to pass through this “valley of weeping” on their pilgrimage to visit the sanctuary of the Lord in Jerusalem. David prophesied however that: *When they walk through the Valley of Weeping, it will become a place of refreshing springs. The autumn rains will clothe it with blessings. They will continue to grow stronger, and each of them will appear before God in Jerusalem.* (Psalm 84:6-7, NLT)

Bethany = House of affliction or misery – Town where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead (John 11)

Bethel = House of God – The place where Jacob dreamt: *that there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! And behold, the Lord stood over and beside him and said, I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father [forefather] and the God of Isaac; I will give to you and to your descendants the land on which you are lying.* (Genesis 28:11-13, AMP)

Bethlehem = House of Bread – Birthplace of both David and Jesus (1 Samuel 17:12, Matthew 2:1)

Bethsaida = House of fishing – The city where Jesus fed a multitude with five loaves of bread and two fish (Mark 6:32 – 41)

Calvary or Golgotha = Place where Jesus was crucified (Luke 23:33)

Cana = Zeal; jealousy; possession – The village where Jesus performed His first miracle by turning water into wine at a wedding celebration (John 2:1 -10)

Canaan = Merchant; trader; or that humbles and subdues – God spoke to Abraham and said: *“The whole land of Canaan, where you are now an alien, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.”* (Genesis 17:8, NIV)

Capernaum = The field of repentance; city of comfort – A city that saw so many miracles and yet the people refused to turn to the Lord (Matthew 11:23)

Corinth = Ornament = Although the Church in Corinth operated in spiritual gifts their moral standards were often not much different than those of the world (1 Corinthians 5)

Damascus = A sack full of blood – It was on the road to Damascus that Paul had a divine encounter with the Lord (Acts 9:3-4)

Dead Sea = Nothing living can exist in the Dead Sea, the minerals found in the Dead Sea have healing and therapeutic qualities

Egypt = That troubles or oppresses; anguish – Country where God’s people Israel were afflicted with bondage and oppression (Exodus 2:23)

Elim = Strong trees – An oasis of rest, refreshing, and nourishment in the midst of the desert (Exodus 15:27)

Emmaus = People despised or a hot spring – It was on the road to this city that Jesus after His resurrection rebuked two disciples because of their unbelief and disappointment

with the Lord: *Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures. Wasn't it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?"* (Luke 24:25, NLT)

Ephesus = Desirable – Jesus had this to say to the Church of this city: *Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.* (Revelation 2:4-6, NIV)

Galatia = White – It was the Galatian Church in which Paul found that legalism and a works gospel had replaced a gospel of grace through faith (Galatians 3:1-14).

Gethsemane = Oil press – Garden where Jesus struggled in deep intercession the night before His death. After a time of intense agonizing prayer He proclaimed to the Father: *Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.* (Mark 14:36).

Gibeon = Hill city – The Gibeonites deceived the Israelites (who did not seek the Lord on the matter) into signing a treaty with them (Joshua 9)

Gilgal = Circle or rolling - *Then the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." So the place has been called Gilgal to this day.* (Joshua 5:9, NIV)

Goshen = Drawing near – When the Lord brought plagues to punish Egypt none of them fell on Goshen which was the region in Egypt where God's people dwelt (Exodus 8:22)

Hebron = Friendship or society – The region where Abraham encountered the Lord and entertained angels (Genesis 18)

Jericho = Place of fragrance – The walls of the city fell after God’s people marched, shouted and sounded the trumpet, opening the way for victory (Joshua 6)

Jerusalem = Vision of peace – The place where God’s glory dwelt in the Old Testament temple (Psalm 26:8)

Joppa = Beauty – Place where Peter raised Dorcas from the dead (Acts 9:36 – 40)

Jordan River = Descender – Place where John the Baptist baptized repentant sinners, river that miraculously parted to allow the Israelites passage into the Promised Land (Joshua 3:15-17)

Laodicea = Justice of the people – The Church of this city was found by the Lord to be lukewarm (Revelation 3:13-16)

Mt Mariah = Mountain on which the Holy Temple stood (2 Chronicles 3:1), Place where Abraham was willing to sacrifice his son as an act of obedient worship unto the Lord (Genesis 22:1-3)

Mt. Sinai = Mountain where Moses received the revelation of God’s laws during a forty day period of divine and angelic visitation (Exodus 34:27-29)

Nazareth = Separated or sanctified – *Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor." He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. And he was amazed at their lack of faith.* (Mark 6:4-6, NIV)

Pergamum = Height; elevation – This city was so wicked that it was labeled by Jesus as the city “where Satan has his throne” (Revelation 2:13)

Philadelphia = Brotherly love – *“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, ‘These things says He who is holy, He who is true, ‘He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens’ ‘I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.’”* (Revelation 3:7-8, NIV)

Philippi = Named after Philip of Macedonia – The people of the Philippian Church were very generous in giving of their finances to the cause of the gospel (Philippians 4:14-16)

Philistia = Land of sojourners – The Philistines constantly fought and harassed the people of God. (Ezekiel 25:15) For this reason the Philistines are often seen as a type of the flesh or sinful nature which is at odds with the Spirit: *For the desires of the flesh are opposed to the (Holy) Spirit, and the (desires of the) Spirit are opposed to the flesh (godless human nature); for these are antagonistic to each other (continually withstanding and in conflict with each other), so that you are not free but are prevented from doing what you desire to do.* (Galatians 5:16-18, AMP)

Samaria = Watch mountain or watchtower – The people of Samaria practiced a religion that was a mixture between the biblical faith and paganism (2 Kings 17:25-29)

Sardis = Prince of Joy – *“And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, ‘these things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: ‘I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. 2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God’”* (Revelation 3:1-2, NKJV)

Smyrna = Myrrh (symbolic of death) – The Christians of this city were slandered, persecuted and imprisoned (Revelation 2:8-11)

Sodom = Burning – A city destroyed by God because of its great sin (Genesis 19: 23-25)

Thessalonica = Victory over the Thessalians – In spite of great suffering and persecution in that city the Church shined in the darkness. As Paul wrote them in his letter: *We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.* (1Thessalonians 1:3, NIV)

Thyatira = A perfume; sacrifice of labor – In the words of Jesus to the Church of this city: *“Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols”.* (Revelation 2:20, NIV)

Ziklag = Measure pressed down – David’s camp in Ziklag was raided and the enemy carried off the possessions and families of David and his men. David however: *found strength in the Lord his God* and took back all that was stolen by the enemy (1 Samuel 30:3-6, NIV)

BIBLICAL SPICES AND PERFUMES

Aloe = Healing

Balm of Gilead = Healing (Jeremiah 8:22)

Calamus = Sacrificial Worship (Isaiah 43:24)

Cassia = The word cassia in Hebrew means ‘stripped’. It signifies being stripped of pride and set apart, the worship of the saints (Psalm 45:7-8)

Cinnamon = The enticement of sin (Proverbs 7:12-17), the sweet smelling fragrance before the Lord of a child of God who is consecrated unto Him - cinnamon was a key ingredient of the anointing oil used in the Temple (Exodus 30:23)

Coriander = Manna from Heaven (Exodus 16:31, Numbers 11:7)

Frankincense = Prayer (Revelation 5:8, Psalm 141:2)

Galbanum = Sacrifice (Galbanum smells sweet when burned)

Myrrh = Death (John 19:38-40)

Spikenard = Precious and costly (Mark 14:3 AMP), the pouring out of oneself in worship and devotion to Jesus (John 12:3)

X. MISCELLANEOUS SYMBOLS

COURTROOM TERMS

***Again please keep in mind that I am listing symbolic meanings of these terms. I am not stating the obvious meanings.**

Accuse = satan bringing accusation and slander against God's people (Revelation 12:10), Christians speaking evil about each other (James 4:11, AMP)

Adversary = satan as an adversary of the righteous (Job 2:2, AMP), the Lord and the angelic hosts as adversaries of the wicked (Numbers 22:21-23, NKJV)

Advocate = See **PEOPLE**

Acquit = To offer forgiveness to someone who hurt you (Luke 6:37, AMP) ... we are justified (acquitted, declared righteous, and given a right standing with God) through faith (Romans 5:1a)

Capital Offense = *The wages of sin is death* (Romans 6:23, KJV)

Condemned = Sentenced to eternal hell for rejecting Jesus as Savior (John 3:18), having overwhelming feelings of guilt even though the sin has been forgiven (Romans 8:1)

Convicted = The work of the Holy Spirit in revealing areas of sin and unrighteousness in our lives (John 16:7-9)

Dismissal = The Lord dismissing the slanderous accusations that satan makes against the children of God (Zechariah 3:1-5)

District Attorney = See **PEOPLE**

Evidence = The testimony of Jesus Christ (Revelation 1:9, AMP), miracles (John 14:11)

Guilty = *For the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as a person who has broken all of God's laws.* (James 2:10, NLT)

Judge = See **PEOPLE**

Judgment = *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.* (2 Corinthians 5:10, NIV), the final Great White Throne judgment of the dead at the end of the age (Revelation 20:11-14), God's wrath poured out on the unrepentant wicked (2 Peter 2:5), The Lords discipline and chastening of his people for the purpose of bringing restoration and repentance (1 Peter 4:17), *then let us no more criticize and blame and pass judgment on one another, but rather decide and endeavor never to put a stumbling block or an obstacle or a hindrance in the way of a brother.* (Romans 14:13, AMP)

Law = The commandments and requirements of the Lord (Luke 1:6, Amplified Bible)

Lawyer = See **PEOPLE**

Mercy = The Lord's willingness to show grace and forgiveness (Psalm 78:38)

Murder = A heart full of anger, hatred or malice toward another (Matthew 5:22, 1 John 3:15), speaking curses over someone's life (Proverbs 18:21)

Offense = Sin and disobedience to the Lord (Leviticus 5:19)

Pardon = *I am writing to you, little children, because for His name's sake your sins are forgiven (pardoned through His*

name and on account of confessing His name) (1 John 2:12, AMP)

Testimony = The truth of God's Word (Isaiah 8:20), a miraculous work of healing or deliverance as a testimony of God's love and mercy (Matthew 8:3-5), *and this good news of the kingdom (the Gospel) will be preached throughout the whole world as a testimony to all the nations* (Matthew 24:14, AMP), *worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.* (Revelation 19:10b, KJV), The testimony of one who has witnessed God's power, love, provision, etc working in or through his/her life (John 4:39)

PARTS OF THE BODY

Arms = God's Power and strength (Deuteronomy 4:34), man's power and strength (2 Chronicles 32:8)

Back = The past, the part of a person that is most vulnerable to attack

Belly or Stomach = Human appetite for worldly pleasures (Philippians 3:19, Romans 16:18, NKJV), lust of the flesh (1 Corinthians 6:13), emotions, our innermost spiritual being (John 7:38, KJV)

Blood = Our natural, earthly lives (1 Corinthians 15:50, MSG), justice and retribution (2 Samuel 1:16), anguish (Luke 22:44) **blood of Jesus** – purification from sin (1 John 1:7), forgiveness of sin (Matthew 26:28), the new covenant (Mark 14:24), the cost of Jesus' sacrifice (Acts 20:28), salvation and justification (Romans 5:9), guilt (Isaiah 59:3)

Body = The Church - *so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.* (Romans 12:5, NIV)

Bones = The human body (Job 2:5), Israel (Ezekiel 37:11), the essence of a person (Genesis 2:23)

Brain = The mind

Breast = The Church giving spiritual milk and care to the new believer, idolatry as spiritual prostitution (Ezekiel 23:1-7), love and nurture from a wife (Proverbs 5:18-20), sexual temptation (Proverbs 5:20), overflowing abundance (Isaiah 66:10-11, NIV), motherhood, **beating one's breast** – repentance for sin (Luke 18:13) or great sorrow (Nahum 2:7)

Cheeks = Trial and persecution (Job 16:10, Isaiah 50:6), love and patience (Matthew 5:38-40), countenance (Song of Solomon 5:13), expressions of emotions

Ears = Listening attentively with understanding (Proverbs 2:2, Isaiah 48:8), hearing and obeying God's voice (Revelation 2:7), a counselor, prophecy **deafness** – refusing to listen to God's voice (Psalm 106:25), refusing to hear the cries of the needy (Isaiah 47:15, NLT), unwilling to hear the truth (Acts 7:51, NLT), those who turn a deaf ear to wisdom and wise counsel (Proverbs 5:1)

Elbow = *Appoint Aaron and his sons to minister as priests; anyone else who tries to elbow his way in will be put to death.* (Numbers 3:10, MSG)

Eyes = The ability to see into the supernatural spiritual realm (Numbers 24:15, Numbers 22:31), jealousy (1 Samuel 18:9), the lust of the eyes (Matthew 5:29, Numbers 15:39), favor (Genesis 30:27), a prophetic seer (Numbers 24:4), a person's mindset or way of perceiving something (Numbers 27:14, Deuteronomy 25:3), tears and sadness, discernment (Proverbs 20:8), the watchman (Ezekiel 33:6), visual prophetic revelatory experiences such as visions (Ezekiel 1:1), seduction (2 Kings 9:30), just retribution; eye for an eye (Exodus 21:24) **blindness** – unable to recognize one's own sin (Psalm 36:2, NLT), *blinded by tears of pain and frustration.* (Psalm 88:9, MSG), those with no true spiritual vision or direction (Matthew 15:14), *The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.* (2 Corinthians 4:4, NIV), one who sees others through eyes of hatred (1 John 2:10-11)

Face = Expression of emotion (Genesis 4:6), the radiance of the glory of God (Exodus 34:30), a good reputation, a surface appearance of something, dignity, God's favor (Numbers 6:25) **hidden face** – shame or fear (Genesis 4:6), the withdrawal of the favor of the Lord (Deuteronomy 31:18),

great sorrow (2 Samuel 19:4) **facedown** = humility, reverence and honor before God. (Joshua 5:14,) **face to face** - a direct confrontation, deep intimate friendship (Exodus 33:11), one's path in life (Psalm 119:133)

Fat = One who gives him/herself over to worldly sinful pleasures (Job 15:27, AMP), the proud who are wealthy by the world's standards but lacking in the eyes of God (Psalm 119:69-71, NKJV), gluttony (Proverbs 23:19-20), a low self image, financial waste

Feet = Evangelism (Isaiah 52:6-8), taking territory from the wicked as an inheritance for the godly (Joshua 14:9), one's walk with the Lord (Psalm 17:5), the ability to stand in higher realms of the Spirit (2 Samuel 22:34), victory (2 Samuel 22:40, Romans 16:20) **bare feet** – weeping and mourning (2 Samuel 15:30, Micah 1:8), standing in the presence of the Lord (Exodus 3:5), poverty, humiliation (2 Chronicles 28:15) **lame foot** - putting confidence in an unreliable person in times of trouble is like ... walking on a lame foot. (Proverbs 25:19, NLT) **footsteps** - *He followed in the footsteps of his father, serving and worshiping the same foul gods his father had served.* (2 Kings 21:21, MSG), *He behaved well in the eyes of God, following in the footsteps of his father Amaziah. He was a loyal seeker of God* (2 Chronicles 26:4, MSG), the path one walks in life (Psalm 119:133)

Forehead = One's thoughts (Exodus 13:9), one's willfulness or determination (Isaiah 48:4, Ezekiel 3:9)

Hair= Dedication or consecration to the Lord (Numbers 6:19), seduction (2 Kings 9:30), the Lord's great love and care for His people (Luke 12:7), a covering (1 Corinthians 11:15) **beard** – dignity, maturity and manhood *pulling out own hair* – repentance, grief, mourning (Ezra 9:3)

Hands or Fingers = Human work and labor (Deuteronomy 2:7), human power and strength (Deuteronomy 8:17),

warfare (Job 15:25), **the hand of God** - God's creative power (Isaiah 48:13), God's power to deliver His people (Exodus 32:11), signs wonders and miracles (Deuteronomy 7:19), God's mighty deeds (Deuteronomy 3:24), divine judgment (1 Samuel 5:11) **outstretched or uplifted hands** - prayer (1 Kings 8:22), worship (Nehemiah 8:6), the Lord's grace and love in calling people to come to Him (Proverbs 1:23-25), one who is reaching out to God (Job 11:13), pronouncing a blessing (Luke 24:50) giving, **one hand raised** - a vow or oath (Ezekiel 20:15) **pointing finger** - self righteous accusation or gossip (Isaiah 59:3), **Finger of God** = the Holy Spirit or the manifestation of the power of God (Luke 11:20), **right hand** - human strength **left hand** - God's strength made perfect in our weakness **dirty hands** - sin and evil (Psalm 26:10,NLT), hard work (Nehemiah 3:5, MSG), **laying on of hands** - commissioning into the Lord's service (Numbers 27:22-23), impartation (Deuteronomy 34:9), healing prayer (Matthew 8:3)

Head = Jesus as the Head of the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:15), authority

(1 Corinthians 11:3), the Greek word for head which is *kephale* can also be translated "source" or "beginning", place of honor (1 Samuel 9:22), the mind (thoughts, reason, intellect, etc), one who is blessed with authority, finances and social standing (Deuteronomy 28:12-14) **big head** - pride (Job 20:6), **head down**- shame, sorrow or grief (Job 10:15, Psalm 35:14), **uplifted head** - dignity (Psalm 3:3) hope, pride **head shaking** - scorn or derision (Psalm 64:8), disbelief

Heart = The inner man (Ephesians 3:16, NKJ), feelings and emotions (Genesis 6:6, Genesis 34:3), one's thought life (Genesis 6:5, Ecclesiastes 3:17), courage (Deuteronomy 1:28, Joshua 5:1), deep desires (2 Samuel 3:21, Job 19:27), one's affections and devotion (2 Samuel 15:61, Kings 11:2), one's moral character (1 Kings 9:4), the core of an issue, one's motives (Proverbs 12:20)

Jaw = A dangerous and distressful situation (Job 36:16), the ultimate inability of the wicked to escape judgment (Isaiah 30:28)

Knees = Prayer and supplication (1 Kings 8:54), honor and reverence (1 Kings 1:31, Esther 3:2), worship (Psalm 95:6), submission (Psalm 22:28-30)

Legs = Human strength (Psalm 147:10, Daniel 5:6), grace in movement (Song of Solomon 7:1)

Lips = The words we speak whether good (Exodus 13:9, Job 33:3) or evil (Exodus 23:13, Psalm 12:3), shouts of joy (Job 8:21), seductive words (Proverbs 5:3) – **see also Mouth**

Liver or Kidney = The cleansing power of the Holy Spirit (1 John 1:9), the blood of Jesus (Hebrews 9:13-14)

Loins = Strength and endurance (1 Kings 18:46, NKJV), righteousness (NKJV), a clear and sober mind (1 Peter 1:13), the potential for new birth (NKJV)

Mouth = Words we speak, intimacy with Jesus (Song of Solomon 1:2) a spoken curse or lie (Job 31:30, Psalm 59:12), a spoken blessing (Proverbs 11:11) laughter (Job 8:21), encouragement (Job 16:5), mocking and jeering (Job 16:10), the sweet taste of evil to the wicked (Job 20:12), wise instruction (Job 22:22), singing praises to the Lord (Psalm 40:3), prayer (Psalm 54:2), spoken vows to the Lord (Psalm 66:14), carnal appetites (Ecclesiastes 6:7), the confession that Jesus is Lord (Romans 10:9) **the mouth of the Lord** - God's promises (2 Chronicles 6:15), God's provision of our needs such as food and water (Nehemiah 9:20), the Word of God (Job 23:12),

Neck = The human will, authority (Daniel 5:16), strength (Song of Solomon 4:4), elegance or stateliness (Song of Solomon 7:4) **stiff-necked** – stubborn or proud (Psalm 73:6), a rebellious attitude toward God (Deuteronomy 31:27)

bowed neck - bondage and defeat (Psalm 105:18, Jeremiah 27:11), prayer

Nose = Spiritual discernment (1 Corinthians 12:10), defeat and domination (2 Chronicles 33:11) see **Odor** and **Fragrance**

Palm = God's strength and power (1 Chronicles 29:12, MSG), the great love and care that Jesus has for us evidenced by His death on the Cross (Isaiah 49:15-16), abuse (Matthew 26:67)

Scar = An emotional wound or trauma that hasn't healed, *for I bear on my body the (brand) marks of the Lord Jesus (the wounds, **scars**, and other outward evidence of persecutions--these testify to His ownership of me)! (Galatians 6:17, AMP),*

Shoulder = Burden bearing or carrying a heavy load (Genesis 49:15, Isaiah 9:4), rest and security for God's beloved children (Deuteronomy 33:12), governmental authority (Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 22:21-23)

Skeleton = Occult, rebellion, death, a secret that if uncovered would bring disgrace or scandal (Job 10:5-7, MSG, Daniel 6:4, MSG), a basic framework

Spine or Backbone = Courage and determination (2 Chronicles 32:8, MSG), flexibility

Teeth = Wisdom (Psalm 37:30, MSG), understanding of the Word of God, God's wrath (Job 16:9), oppression of the poor by the wicked (Proverbs 30:13-14), viscous attacks against the people of God (Psalm 124:6), a personal relationship (Song of Solomon 4:2), the ability to think a matter through, children suffering for the sins of past generations (Jeremiah 31:29), a ferocious tearing attack of the enemy (Joel 1:6), just retribution (Exodus 21:24, Leviticus 24:20), **false teeth** - worldly wisdom or philosophy, an ungodly personal relationship, a wrong understanding of a situation **gnashing**

or grinding teeth - great sorrow of the unsaved whose final plight is outer darkness (Matthew 13:42), mocking disdain displayed by the ungodly (Psalm 35:16, NIV) **teeth falling out** - a lack of wisdom or proper understanding, a broken relationship, a reflection of inner shame and rejection, reflects undue concern or anxiety over one's outward appearance **rotting teeth** - neglect of God's word, neglect of a relationship that is going bad **broken tooth** - *Putting confidence in an unreliable person in times of trouble is like chewing with a broken tooth* (Proverbs 25:19, NLT)

Thigh = Strength and power (Revelation 19:16, Psalm 45:3)

Tongue = eloquence or slowness of speech (Exodus 4:10), slander and false accusations (Job 5:21, NLT, Psalm 31:20), curses, lies and threats (Psalm 10:7, NIV), verbal expressions of joy (Psalm 16:9, Psalm 126:2), great thirst (Psalm 22:15), praise unto the Lord; whether spoken or sung (Psalm 35:28, Psalm 51:14), harmful and deceitful words (Psalm 52:4), God's people sharing testimonies of His righteous deeds (Psalm 71:24, NLT), the verbal threats of the wicked (Psalm 73:8-10), lying (Psalm 78:36), words of wisdom bringing healing (Proverbs 12:18), cursing and blessing imparting death or life

(Proverbs 18:21), false flattery (Proverbs 28:23), false prophets (Jeremiah 23:31), speaking in unknown tongues as a part of one's prayer language or as a corporate expression that needs to be interpreted (1Corinthians 14:2, 1Corinthians 14:27)

Umbilical cord = An unhealthy co-dependant relationship, a soul tie

Womb = The potential for the birthing of a ministry, business, etc, the origin of something (Job 38:29, NIV)

DWELLING PLACES

Aquarium = A church (fish in this case symbolizing Christians)

Bank = The sure promises of God, money as an idol (Job 31:24, MSG), the need to save up, worldly wealth as opposed to true riches (Proverbs 3:13, MSG), greed, our heavenly rewards (Matthew 6:19-21)

Barn = Kingdom of God (Luke 3:17), the Lord's great provision (Psalm 144:13, NIV), hoarding and greed (Luke 12:15-22)

Beauty Parlor = Vanity (Proverbs 31:30, KJV), a ministry that brings restoration and wholeness into the lives of broken women

Building = The Body of Christ (Ephesians 2:21)

Cabin = A place of peace, rest and refuge (Psalm 55:6-8, MSG, Jeremiah 9:1, MSG)

Courthouse = The judgment seat of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:10), the great white throne judgment of the dead (Revelation 20:11-12), the heavenly court (Daniel 7:9-10), conviction of sin by the Holy Spirit (John 16:8), the condemnation and accusation of God's people by the enemy (Revelation 12:10)

Doctor's Office = A ministry of physical healing, Jesus as healer, see **Doctor**

Factory = A Church or ministry with a lack of creativity, diversity or spontaneity, a productive Church or ministry

Farm = A church or ministry (1 Corinthians 3:9), giving and receiving (2 Corinthians 9:6) outreach ministry (Matthew 13:3-9), see **Farmer, Harvest-Time, and Planting**

Fortress = The Lord as our protector and defender (Psalm 18:1-3), the Lord as our Savior (Psalm 28:8, NIV), the Lord as our place of refuge in times of trouble (Psalm 59:16, NIV)

Gas Station = A Church or ministry that provides an atmosphere for God's people to receive ministry from the Lord, an individual's devotional life

Gym = Competition, pride, training for Spiritual maturation (1 Timothy 4:8, 1 Corinthians 9:25-27)

Hangar = A time of waiting for something to "take off" such as a ministry or a business

Hospital = A Church (place of healing), or a healing ministry

Hotel = A transitional or temporary life season, travel

House = Typically a house is symbolic of the dreamer's or dream subject's life (Matthew 7:25.) Various rooms and places in the house symbolize different aspects of his or her existence. ***house in disrepair*** – spiritual, physical or emotional neglect ***damaged house*** – a need for inner healing and restoration, sickness, a broken home

- **Attic** = Memories of the past
- **Backyard** = The past
- **Basement** = Emotions that are repressed or under the surface, hidden sin, hidden agendas, hidden motives
- **Bathroom** = Repentance, deliverance and cleansing of sin
- **Bedroom** = Intimacy with Jesus, meditation and reflection on the Lord, rest, sexual issues or marital intimacy

- **Ceiling** = A spiritual covering, a hindrance in the life of someone who desires to go to a higher spiritual realm in the Lord, a hindrance or limitation to one's promotion or prosperity
- **Childhood Home** = The dreamer perceives an issue in his or her life as if it were still the past, issues from the dreamer's childhood that are unresolved, the Lord wants to remind the dreamer of all He has set him or her free from, generational blessings, curses and or inheritance
- **Closet** = Place of secret prayer and intimacy (Matthew 6:6, KJV), A Christian who is not willing to openly declare his/her faith (Acts 19:8, MSG), stored up past memories, hidden sin (NLT)
- **Corridor** = A passage from one phase or season in your life to another, transition
- **Cornerstone** = Jesus: *Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.* (Isaiah 28:16, KJV)
- **Door** = Jesus as the only way to salvation (John 10:9), the entryway to the heart (Revelation 3:20, Genesis 4:6-7), *A person without self-control is like a house with its doors and windows knocked out.* (Proverbs 25:28, MSG), **door mat** – one who suffers abuse and indignation (Proverbs 29:21, MSG), **open door** - opportunity for ministry (Colossians 4:3, 1 Corinthians 16:9, NLT), an open entryway into a desirable situation such as a job opportunity, an open portal for the enemy to enter into a situation **closed door** – hidden sin (Job 31:33, MSG, Psalm 58:1, MSG), Secret plans of the enemy (Isaiah 8:12, NLT), protection from enemy attack (Nehemiah 6:9-10, NIV), secret prayer (Matthew 6:6), the eternal damnation of the wicked (Luke 13:24-25) **narrow door** = Jesus as the only entryway into the Kingdom of Heaven (Luke 13:23-25)
- **Driveway** = The beginning or the end of a journey

- **Facade** = An illusory or deceptive appearance
- **Foundation** = Whatever the dream subject has built his or her life on; whether God, money, power, career, etc. Jesus is the only firm foundation on which to build a life (Luke 6:47-49, NLT), God's truth (2 Timothy 2:19, NLT), faith (Hebrews 11:1, MSG), a victorious, overcoming Christian (Revelation 3:12)
- **Front Yard or Porch** = The present or future, outreach and evangelism
- **Furnace** = **God's future burning judgment against the wicked resulting in total destruction** (Malachi 4:1, NIV, Genesis 19:27-29), **an extremely painful and oppressive situation** (Deuteronomy 4:19-21), **affliction and suffering in our lives which the Lord uses to test and refine us** (Isaiah 48:9-11), **the eternal fires of hell** (Matthew 13:41-42)
- **Kitchen** = Christian service (Luke 10:38-40, MSG) eating (meditating on and studying the Bible) and drinking (receiving the ministry of the Holy Spirit), see also **Eating** and **Food and Drink**
- **Living Room** = The social part of one's life, family life, Christian fellowship
- **New Home** = A new season of life, one's life since becoming born again
- **Pillar** = Jesus as our strength and support (Song of Solomon 5:1), the Church (1 Timothy 3:15), strong leaders in the Church (Galatians 2:9)
- **Roof** = The Mind, God's covering and protection
- **Stairs or Elevator** = See **Up** and **Down**
- **Wall** = Emotional Boundaries, sin boundaries, social boundaries, lack of transparency, protection (1 Samuel 25:16, NLT), an obstacle or hindrance (2 Samuel 22:30, NLT) **gap in the wall** – a way left open for enemy attack (Ezekiel 13:4-6), intercession and spiritual warfare = Ezekiel 22:29-30, someone with poor social and/or emotional boundaries, a breakthrough in a difficult situation

- **Window** = Prophetic Revelation (Matthew 6:22), way of escape (1 Samuel 19:11-12) **locked window** - protection from the enemy (Jeremiah 9:21), **open window** - blessings from Heaven (Jeremiah 47:1-4), way of escape (1 Samuel 19:11-12), open portal for the enemy, **back window** – the past, **front window** – the present or future

Laundromat = The Lord's work in removing our sin and clothing us in righteousness (Zechariah 3:2-4, MSG)

Lawyer's Office = Entering into the presence of Jesus who is our advocate with the Father, a legalistic Church or ministry, see **Lawyer**

Library = Bible study, keeping a journal, authoring or writing, divine revelation, heaven where the books are kept such as the Book of Life (Revelation 3:5) and books which keep an account of each person's life (Revelation 20:12, Daniel 7:10)

Lighthouse = Jesus as the light of the world (Isaiah 42:5, MSG, John 8:12), the Church reflecting the light of Jesus (Matthew 5:14)

Mansion = God the Father's house in Heaven (John 14:1-3, KJV), the wealth of the wicked (Amos 5:11, NIV, Amos 3:14-15, NLT)

Museum = A church, ministry or denomination that display their past victories while having little interest in what God would have them do today

Office = A place of employment, financial provision, a ministry 'office' such as pastor, teacher, prophet, etc. (Ephesians 4:11)

Palace = The Lord's throne room in Heaven (Psalm 18:6, MSG, Amos 9:6, NIV), a ruler or authority (John 18:28), the wealth of the wicked (Amos 3:14-15, NLT)

Pharmacy = Physical healing, addiction, dependence on man rather than God

Power Plant = The Kingdom of Heaven as the source of divine power or the kingdom of hell as the source of demonic power

Prison = Bondage to sin, (Romans 7:23, NIV), addictions, the unsaved who have not tasted the freedom that is found only in Christ, (Galatians 3:22), the bondage of unforgiveness (Matthew 18:21-35)

Psychologist's Office = A ministry of inner healing, Jesus as the one who heals our minds and emotions, see **Psychologist**

Restaurant = A Church or ministry as a place of eating the word (Hebrews 5: 11-14) and drinking in the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:13), A ministry of feeding the poor (Matthew 25: 34-36), blessing your enemy (Romans 12:20)

Saloon = A place of sin (Psalm 1:1, MSG), drunkenness, addiction, worldly pleasures, see **Liquor and Wine**

School = a period of being tested by the Lord, a teaching ministry, discipleship, the study of the Word of God, a time of preparation, a Church, a situation or problem in the present that is similar to a circumstance during the time the dreamer or dream subject was in school **university** –a high level of testing, see **Teacher**

Skyscraper = The prideful and arrogant (Isaiah 2:11-17, MSG), the Kingdom of God, man's kingdom (Ezekiel 31:3, MSG), a large multi-faceted ministry, ministry in a big city

Slaughterhouse = God's wrath poured out in judgment on the wicked (Isaiah 34:5-7, MSG), great wickedness and violence, murderous rage

Spa = Rest, refreshing, vanity

Sports Arena or Stadium = Competition, teamwork, see **Athlete**

Supermarket = A Church offering a great variety of ministries related to feeding the Body of Christ

Tent = A place of 24 hour/ 7 days per week prayer and worship as established by King David (Acts 15:16, 1 Chronicles 9:32-34), a place of encountering God (Exodus 33:7), the heavens (Psalm 104:2), the human body as a temple of the Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 5:1)

Theater = Hypocrisy, emotional drama, a drama ministry, see **Actor**

Tower = The Lord as our shelter and strength (Psalm 61:3), rebellion against God (Genesis 11:3-5), God our Savior (2 Samuel 22:51, KJV), the place of the watchman who discerns the work of the enemy and warns the people (2 Kings 9:16-17, KJV), the Lord as higher than our enemies (Psalm 144:2), the name of the Lord (Proverbs 18:10), the arrogant and prideful (Isaiah 2:14-15, NLT) – see **Watchman**

Waiting Room, Parking Lot, Airport Terminal, Train Station, Bus Terminal = Time of waiting or transition, travel is in store, see **MODES OF TRANSPORTATION**

Warehouse or Storehouse = Greed and hoarding of wealth (Luke 12:17-19, AMP), the heart (Luke 6:45, AMP, Matthew 12:35 AMP), a sign to beginning saving one's resources (Genesis 41:35), the Church (Malachi 3:10), memories of the past

MILITARY TERMS

Absent without Leave or a Deserter = A backsliding Christian who is no longer in fellowship (Daniel 11:35, AMP), a Christian who walks away from the ministry God called him/her to, a parent who walks away from his/her children

Air Raid Siren = The cry of the prophetic watchman that an attack of the enemy is at hand (Ezekiel 33:1-4)

Ambush = *The words of the wicked are like a murderous ambush, but the words of the godly save lives* (Proverbs 12:6), an unexpected and sudden surprise attack of the enemy (Hosea 6:9), sin and temptation that lurks in the darkness to entrap those who do not guard their hearts in the Lord (Proverbs 7:12, AMP)

Ammunition = *I'd rather die than give anyone ammunition to discredit me or impugn my motives* (1 Corinthians 9:15, MSG)

Anti-Aircraft Artillery = Spiritual warfare prayer

Armor = *Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*

Army – *Then suddenly there appeared with the angel an army of the troops of heaven (a heavenly knighthood), praising God* (Luke 2:13, AMP), The Church as the army of God (Song of Solomon 6:4, Philippians 2:25, NIV), *spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms* (Ephesians 6:12, NIV)

Assassination = An attempt to destroy someone's reputation through slander or gossip

Battle = A confrontation between one's flesh which and spirit (James 4:1), a clash between the Kingdom of Heaven and demonic powers (Revelation 16:14), a fight between angelic and demonic beings (Daniel 10:13)

Battle Fatigue = One who has become worn down and wearied by life's struggles

Battleground = A place where there is great spiritual warfare, emotional conflicts or constant arguments

Bomb = A volatile situation that will explode if not dealt with, underlying anger that is about to erupt, an idea that is not going to succeed

Bombardment = A relentless attack of the enemy, a strategy of sustained Spiritual warfare prayer against the strongholds of satan

Booby Traps or Land Mines = The hidden traps set by the wicked or the enemy: *They booby-trapped my path; I thought I was dead and done for. They dug a mantrap to catch me* (Psalm 57:6, MSG)

Breastplate = *But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate* (1 Thessalonians 5:8a, NIV), righteousness (Ephesians 6:14, NKJV)

Camouflage = *For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ* (2 Corinthians 11:13, NIV), the devil disguising himself as an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14)

Cease Fire = An end to hostilities and division

Counterattack = Hitting back at the enemy through prayer, outreach, etc after receiving a demonic attack, the enemy attacking the church after a time of victory or great soul-winning

Defense = ...*for God is my Defense, my Fortress, and High Tower* (Psalm 59:17, AMP), wisdom (Ecclesiastes 7:12, AMP), faith, Ephesians 6:16), God's truth and faithfulness, (Psalm 91:4, AMP)

Divide and Conquer = The enemy's work of bringing division among God's people thereby destroying unity (1 Corinthians 11:17-18)

Encroachment = The enemy making gradual inroads into one's heart or mind, sin gradually advancing and taking ground in one's life (Song of Solomon 2:15)

Enemy = satan and his demons (1 Peter 5:8), death (1 Corinthians 15:26), *You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. (James 4:4)*, the sinful nature as an enemy of the Spirit (Galatians 5:16-18), sin

Frontal Assault = A head-on attack of the enemy

Gun = The power of God, murderous rage, demonic attack, slanderous words, *Don't shoot off your mouth, or speak before you think* (Ecclesiastes 5:2, MSG)

Helmet = The confidence of our salvation (1 Thessalonians 5:8, NLT), protecting one's mind against enemy attack

High Ground = Holiness and integrity (1 Corinthians 7:24, MSG), pride (Romans 2:1, MSG), a place of safety in the Lord (Romans 2:1, MSG)

Infiltration = *What has happened is that some people have **infiltrated** our ranks (our Scriptures warned us this would happen), who beneath their pious skin are shameless scoundrels.* (Jude 1:4, MSG), the demonic work of placing unholy thoughts in the minds of believers (2 Corinthians 10:5)

Invasion = *My repose is shattered, my peace destroyed. No rest for me, ever—death has invaded life.*" (Job 3:26, MSG), the intrusion of sickness or disease, an onslaught of sin or wickedness in a community, city, nation, etc (Psalm 55:10, NLT), the Church invading the kingdom of darkness through prayer, evangelism, etc

Military Strategy = The plotting and planning of the enemy against God's people (Isaiah 8:10, MSG), God's strategy for His children in prayer, worship, evangelism, etc to tear down the devil's strongholds and advance the Kingdom of Heaven (Joshua 6:1-7)

Minefield = A potentially dangerous situation, a situation that is laden with traps

Mine Sweeper = The Lord's work of uncovering and destroying the hidden traps of the enemy

Peace = *...freedom from all the distresses that are experienced as the result of sin* (Luke 7:50b, AMP), *freedom from fears, agitating passions, and moral conflicts* (1 Peter 5:14, AMP), a heart at rest in the Lord's love and protection (Psalm 4:8), peace between God and man because of the sacrifice of Jesus (Isaiah 53:5), forgiveness and reconciliation (Matthew 5:23-25, CEV), harmony among brothers and sisters in Christ (Mark 9:49), a church that lacks disorder and confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33)

Radar = Spiritual discernment, prophetic revelation of an approaching enemy attack

Raid = A sudden surprise attack of the enemy (Job 1:15, NLT), an intensive outreach campaign designed to take souls away from the hands of satan and bring them into the Kingdom of Heaven

Reconnaissance = Spiritual mapping: *"Superimposing our understanding of forces and events in the spiritual domain onto places and circumstances in the material world."* – from The Last of the Giants by George Otis Jr., 1991 Chosen Books

Retreat = *The Devil retreated temporarily, lying in wait for another opportunity.* (Luke 4:13, MSG), *When I pray, LORD God, my enemies will **retreat**, because I know for certain that you are with me.* (Psalm 56:9, CEV), backsliding into sin (Hosea 11:7, AMP), shrinking back because of shame or fear (Hebrews 10:38-39, AMP)

Shell Shocked = A person who is stunned and emotionally broken by a constant barrage of traumatic situations

Shield = Faith: *Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.* (Ephesians 6:16, KJV), the Lord as our Protector (Psalm 3:3), the favor of the Lord (Psalm 5:12)

Siege = An attack of the enemy with the intent of cutting off the victim from others including the Lord, a relentless enemy attack (Psalm 27:2-3), continual and specifically targeted Spiritual warfare prayer that attacks the strongholds of the kingdom of darkness

Smoke Screen = Deceit (Proverbs 12:17, MSG), hypocrisy (Matthew 5:33-34, MSG), insincere flattery (1 Thessalonians 2:5, MSG), the glory of God blocking the vision of the enemy

Soldier = See **PEOPLE**

Sword = The Word of God (Hebrews 4:12, Ephesians 6:17), division (Matthew 10:34), violence (Matthew 26:52), divine judgment (Job 19:29), slanderous evil words (Psalm 55:21), an adulteress (Psalm 55:21), lying or giving false testimony (Proverbs 25:18), a calling to preach or teach the Word of God **double edge sword** - *For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.* (Hebrews 4:12, NIV), something that can do good but also cause harm, an adulteress (Proverbs 5:3-5, NIV)

Stronghold or Beachhead = The Lord as our fortress of protection (Psalm 18:2, NIV, Joel 3:16, NIV), anyplace in our hearts or minds where Satan has gained a foothold (Ephesians 4:26-27), *We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the **strongholds** of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.* (2 Corinthians 10:3-5, NLT), a pioneering forerunner church that opens the door for Kingdom advancement in a region

Surrender = Giving in to sin and allowing it to control one's life (Romans 6:16, AMP), Giving ourselves over to the Lord thereby submitting to His will rather than our own (Romans 6:16, AMP), a Christian who gives up the fight of faith and goes back to serving the enemy

Target = A Christian as a target for persecution (Hebrews 10:32-33, MSG), A Christian as the target of enemy attack (Ephesians 6:16), an indication of a coming enemy attack, the wicked as a target of God's judgment (Jeremiah 44:27, MSG), one who suffers abuse, the devil's kingdom as the target of warfare prayer by the saints **bulls-eye** - a very accurate prophetic word (Mark 7:6, MSG), a direct hit by the enemy, *My question: What are God-worshippers like? Your*

answer: Arrows aimed at God's bull's-eye. (Psalm 25:12, MSG)

War = The spiritual battle between the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of darkness (Ephesians 6:11-13), the battle between one's spirit and the sinful nature or flesh (Galatians 5:16-17)

Weapons = Prayer, the Word of God (Ephesians 6:17), love and kindness: *Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.* (Romans 12:19-21, KJV), praise and worship (2 Chronicles 20:20-22) ***weapons of the enemy*** – fear (Romans 8:15), bitterness (Hebrews 12:15), temptation (Matthew 6:13, NIV), lies (John 8:44)

SPORTS TERMS

At Bat = Fulfilling one's responsibility (stepping up to the plate)

Blocked Shot (Basketball) or Blocked Field Goal Attempt or Punt (Football) = The enemy hindering the efforts of God's people, God's people hindering the work of the enemy through prayer, obedience, unity, discernment, etc

Carrying the Ball (Football) - Taking on a responsibility

Curve Ball = An attempt by someone to deceive another person or to catch him/her off guard

Defeated = *satan is defeated* = (Revelation 20:7, CEV), overcome by sin (1 Corinthians 10:3, MSG), an attitude of defeat

Foul or Penalty = Sin (Job 8:4, NIV)

Full Court Press (Basketball) = Great pressure exerted by the enemy to hinder God's people from moving forward (1 Samuel 13:6, NIV), Great pressure exerted by the people of God through prayer to hinder the work of the enemy, an extremely stressful and exerting situation (1 Samuel 14:24, NLT, 2 Corinthians 4:8)

Fumble or Error – To make a mistake or shirk one's responsibility (drop the ball)

Handoff (Football) = To give up control of something to another person who has a better chance of moving it ahead,

Hardball = A very tough and difficult challenge, the kingdom of darkness standing in opposition to the Church (2 Thessalonians 2:3-5)

Home Run = A great achievement

Lay-up (Basketball) = An achievement that is easily attained

Opponent = Those who reject the Gospel who oppose the work of the Lord through persecution (Titus 2:8, Matthew 10:17, AMP), the rebellious (Numbers 16:3, NIV), *O Lord, oppose those who oppose me. Fight those who fight against me.* (Psalm 35:1, NLT), false teachers and prophets opposing the truth (Galatians 1:6, AMP), the sinful nature standing in opposition to the spirit (Galatians 5:16-17)

Race = Running hastily to commit sin (Proverbs 6:18, NLT), striving with the wicked (Jeremiah 12:5), one's Christian walk – *However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me - the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.* (Acts 20:24, NIV), trying to earn God's favor through human effort (Romans 9:16, AMP) **marathon** – a long-term commitment that requires great effort and endurance **sprint** – a short term commitment, a short time span in which there is a great deal of activity

Rookie = A new believer, someone who is inexperienced in ministry or a particular job

Sacked (Football) = Temporarily knocked over by the enemy or by a difficult trial

Sacrifice Bunt (Baseball) = A call to give sacrificially to the poor and needy (Acts 10:4, AMP), *Dear friends, God is good. So I beg you to offer your bodies to him as a living sacrifice, pure and pleasing.* (Romans 12:1, CEV)

Slam Dunk = A dramatic and forceful victory in a situation, a sure thing

Softball = A challenge that can be easily answered

Steal (Basketball) = *Make sure your treasure is safe in heaven, where thieves cannot steal it.* (Luke 12:33, CEV), the work of the devil: *to steal and kill and destroy* (John 10:10)

Strikeout – A failed attempt at something

Timeout = A need to step away and get direction from the Lord, a time of rest

Touchdown = Achieving a large goal

Victorious = The people of God overcoming satan and his kingdom (1 John 2:14), *Who is it that is victorious over (that conquers) the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God* (1 John 5:5, AMP), those who live a life of obedience and are not overcome by sin and temptation (Revelation 2:25)

FISHING TERMS

Bait = Methods of outreach and evangelism which have as their goal the bringing of souls into the Kingdom of God (Matthew 4:17-19)

Fishing Pole = Outreach and evangelism (Matthew 4:17-19), rest and relaxation

Hook = *The adulteress stalks and snares (as with a hook) the precious life (of a man).* (Proverbs 6:26, AMP), sin, addiction, someone caught in wrongdoing and held accountable, a soul giving his/her life to Christ.

Lure = *And now I'm afraid that exactly as the Snake seduced Eve with his smooth patter, you are being lured away from the simple purity of your love for Christ.* (2 Corinthians 11:3, MSG), the work of the devil in using temptation to lure people into sin (1 Timothy 3:7, MSG), the enticement of worldly pleasures (Matthew 13:22, NLT).

Net = A hidden trap set by the enemy (Psalm 10:8-10), *Whoever flatters his neighbor is spreading a net for his feet.* (Proverbs 29:5, NIV), evil times or sudden tragedy (Ecclesiastes 9:12), outreach and evangelism (Matthew 4:17-19)

Snag = The entanglement of sin (Hebrews 12:1), a hindrance

MATH TERMS

Addition = Souls being saved and added to the church (Acts 2:41), *For through me your days will be many, and years will be added to your life.* (Proverbs 9:11, NIV)

Division = *I appeal to you, brethren, to be on your guard concerning those who create dissensions and difficulties and cause **divisions**, in opposition to the doctrine (the teaching) which you have been taught. (I warn you to turn aside from them, to) avoid them (Romans 16:17, AMP), For in the first place, when you assemble as a congregation, I hear that there are cliques (**divisions** and factions) among you; and I in part believe it (1 Corinthians 11:18, AMP)*

Multiplication = *But I will make Pharaoh's heart stubborn so I can multiply my miraculous signs and wonders in the land of Egypt. (Exodus 7:3, NLT), Before I could get my breath, my miseries would multiply. (Job 9:18, CEV), No one who has sacrificed home, spouse, brothers and sisters, parents, children—whatever—will lose out. It will all come back multiplied many times over in your lifetime. (Luke 18:29-30, MSG), And the message of God kept on spreading, and the number of disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem (Acts 6:7, AMP), And (God) Who provides seed for the sower and bread for eating will also provide and multiply your (resources for) sowing and increase the fruits of your righteousness (2 Corinthians 9:10, AMP)*

Subtraction = Loss

ACTIONS, ACTIVITIES AND STATES OF BEING

Adultery = Idolatry (Jeremiah 3:8), a lustful heart (Matthew 5:28), one who loves the things of this world more than the Lord (James 4:8, AMP), see also **Sexual Activity**

Baby shower = A coming public acknowledgement of the dreamer's or dream subject's call to ministry by others, a sign that a new beginning is ahead, The Lord's reassurance that He will provide what is necessary to birth His purpose (church, ministry, business, etc) through the life of the dreamer or dream subject

Backflip = Undo effort to try and win approval or to get attention, a complete reversal of one's opinion or attitude

Bathing or Showering or Washing = Repentance, cleansing of sin by the Holy Spirit (1 John 1:9), or by the washing with water through the word (Ephesians 5:26, NIV) **hand washing** - absolving oneself from guilt by declaring innocence (Matthew 27:23-24, Deuteronomy 21:6-7), totally breaking off a relationship (Zechariah 11:6, MSG), religious ritual and the traditions of men (Matthew 15:1-3, Mark 7:4), the repentance of ungodly actions (James 4:8) **feet washing** - servanthood (John 13:12-17) **face washing** - humility (Matthew 6:16-18), getting a grip on one's emotions (Genesis 43:30-31)

Bending Down = In intense prayer (1 Kings 18:42, NIV), *I am praying to you because I know you will answer, O God. Bend down and listen as I pray.* (Psalm 17:6, NLT), grieving and mourning (Psalm 38:6-7, AMP), submission and reverence (Isaiah 60:14), crippling disease (Luke 13:11), submission to the Lord's will or to the will of man **bending over backwards** = Trying hard to accommodate or please someone

Birth = Being born again by the Holy Spirit (John 3:5-7), a ministry or God's purposes birthed in a life or a group,

Christ becoming fully developed in our lives (Galatians 4:18-20, NLT), the law giving birth to bondage (Galatians 4:18-20, NKJV), evil desire giving birth to sin and sin giving birth to death (James 1:14-16, NIV), the godless: *They conceive trouble and give birth to evil; their womb fashions deceit.* (Job 15:34-35, NIV), something new coming into the life of a person or group of people **birth pangs (pains of childbirth)** – desperate prayer and intercession before the Lord (Isaiah 26:17), fear and terror (Jeremiah 48:41, NLT), the groaning of all creation for Jesus to return bringing restoration and breaking the curse placed on the Earth after Adam and Eve sinned (Romans 8:21-22, NLT), the sudden and inescapable destruction of the wicked at the end of the age (1 Thessalonians 5:1-3, NLT), famines, earthquakes, wars and other disasters as a sign of Jesus' return (Matthew 24:1-8), a sign that the birthing of God's purposes in one's life, ministry, church, etc is at hand.

Blinking = *It will happen suddenly, quicker than the blink of an eye* (1 Corinthians 15:52, CEV), sudden surprise or shock.

Blowing = Impartation of the Holy Spirit (John 20:21-23), the Lord easily disposing of the enemy (Psalm 68:1-3).

Chasing or Being Chased = God's people pushing back the enemy (Joshua 10:19), the enemy actively coming after the people of God (Matthew 23:34, NLT), one's life pursuits whether good or bad (including: money, fame, fashion, holiness, wisdom, etc), Jesus' love pursuit of the bride of Christ, fear or a spirit of fear (Romans 8:15)

Chess = A situation that will require divine strategy and wisdom in order to gain victory **checkmate** – a difficult problem that it appears will be a certain defeat **pawn** – a person who is being selfishly used or manipulated by someone else, a nation that is being manipulated by a more powerful nation **chess board** – a person's life, the world

Chewing = Thinking a matter through, bible study or meditating on the Word of God (Psalm 1:2, MSG)

Circus = An organization that operates in a way that is frenetic, disorganized and disorderly, *And we must not turn our religion into a circus as they did—"First the people partied, then they threw a dance."* (1 Corinthians 10:7, MSG), crowd pleasing based, pride driven ministry (2 Corinthians 11:17, MSG)

Clapping = Worship (Psalm 47:1-3), God's destruction of the enemy (Ezekiel 21:13-15), joy (Psalm 98:7-8), the Lord's indignation over wickedness (Ezekiel 22:13, NLT)

Climbing Up = Coming into the Lord's presence (Exodus 24:15-17, MSG, Psalm 24:2-4), self promotion (Psalm 37:7, MSG), rebellion against God (Isaiah 14:14, NLT), attempting to get over an obstacle or hindrance, a thief trying to sneak in or symbolically a false Christian trying to sneak into a Church undetected (John 10:1)

Clinging = Holding fast to the Lord (Jeremiah 50:13, NLT, Joshua 23:8, NLT), holding tightly to lies and deceit (Jeremiah 8:5, NIV), a relationship in which one person is inappropriately dependant on the other

Crawling = The enemies crawling in surrender to the Lord (Psalm 18:45, MSG), things moving along at a very slow pace, a new Christian being trained in the basics of the faith (learning to crawl before you can walk)

Dancing = Celebration among the people of God because the prodigals children are coming back to the Father (Luke 15:25), praising God (Psalm 150:4), rejoicing after a season of darkness (Psalm 30:11), a dance ministry, sinful revelry and idolatry (Exodus 32:19), to avoid being straightforward about an issue, worldly revelry **waltz** – an easy accomplishment or victory

Death and Dying = Eternal suffering and separation from God for those who reject Christ; also called the “*second death*” (Revelation 20:11-15), the mind controlled by the sinful nature (Romans 8:6), the sinful nature succumbing to the spirit so that the life of Jesus will be seen in us (Romans 8:12-14, 2 Corinthians 4:9-11 NLT), an end to harmful attitudes, habits, addictions, etc, the death of Jesus on the cross so that we can have eternal life (1 Thessalonians 5:9-11), the demonic spirit of death (Jeremiah 9:21), the end of something, a warning that something will die if not attended to, a time or place of great spiritual darkness (Matthew 4:16, MSG)

Digesting = Meditating on and studying the Word of God in order to absorb it, thinking through and assimilating new information

Digging = Someone creating a trap (Psalm 7:15), looking into the past (Deuteronomy 32:7, MSG), *An ungodly man digs up evil and it is on his lips like a burning fire.* (Proverbs 16:27, NKJV), redigging the wells of past moves of God covered up by the enemy (Genesis 26:17-19), burying our gifts and resources rather than using them to grow God’s Kingdom (Matthew 25:17) ***digging up dirt*** – Uncovering information to be used as gossip (Job 10:6, MSG, Proverbs 3:29, AMP)

Diving = *The Spirit, not content to flit around on the surface, dives into the depths of God, and brings out what God planned all along.* (1 Corinthians 2:10, MSG), plunging into the River of God (Revelation 22:1), going deep into the realm of the Spirit of God seeking to uncover the secrets of the Lord (Deuteronomy 29:29)

Divorce = A warning against falling away from the Lord (Jeremiah 3:8), a warning that marital problems need to be addressed, a fear of losing a spouse

Drinking = See **Food and Drink**

Driving = Moving in ministry, see **MODES OF TRANSPORTATION**

Eating = Studying and meditating on the Word of God (Hebrews 5:12-14), feasting with great joy before the Lord (Deuteronomy 27:7, NLT), worldly partying (Isaiah 22:12-13, MSG), fellowship with believers (1 Corinthians 11:33-34) or non-believers (Luke 15:2), receiving spiritual nourishment from the Lord (John 6:27)

Escaping = Avoiding the flames of hell by becoming born-again (Corinthians 3:10-15), fleeing from sinful temptation (2 Peter 2:18, NIV), running into the arms of the Lord for shelter (Psalm 31:20, MSG), to get safely away from the traps set by the enemy (Psalm 124:6-8)

Exercising = Putting into action the basic elements of our Christian walk such as faith, self control, patience, etc (2 Peter 1:4-6, AMP), performing religious rituals or traditions (religious exercises)

Fainting = Yearning with great longing for the presence of God (Psalm 84:1-2), one who is overwhelmed by troubling circumstances (Psalm 61:2, AMP), *to grow weary and lose heart* (Hebrews 12:3, NIV), a *lack of courage* (Leviticus 26:36, AMP)

Falling = Succumbing to sin or temptation (Jude 1:24), fear and confusion (Leviticus 26:35-37), a loss of strength (Job 4:4, NLT), shame and humiliation or disgrace and dishonor (Jeremiah 20:11), drunkenness (Jeremiah 48:26, MSG), divine judgment (Luke 10:18), worship (1 Corinthians 14:25), turning away from the Lord (2 Thessalonians 2:3), an emotional collapse, a loss of authority or position, total defeat (Jeremiah 46:12), taking a tumble from prominence to obscurity

Fighting = Anger, hostility or covetousness (James 4:1-2), division (Genesis 13:8, 1 Corinthians 1:10-12), the Lord

defending His people (Exodus 14:25, NLT), resisting God (Acts 5:38-40), spiritual warfare (Ephesians 6:12), the battle between the flesh and the spirit (Ephesians 6:12)

Fishing = See **Fisherman** and **Fish**

Flying = Escape (Psalm 55:5-7), soaring in the Spirit above our earthly cares and temptations (Isaiah 40:31), caught up in the Third Heaven (2 Corinthians 12:1-3) **unable to take off** – hindrance of the enemy, bogged down by the cares and distractions of the world

Funeral = A season of great mourning and sorrow (Amos 8:10, NLT), see also **Death and Dying**

Gasping = Hope that is quickly fading (Job 11:20, NIV), a desperate cry for help (Jeremiah 4:31, NIV), astonishment (Jeremiah 19:8, NLT), to be horrified or appalled (Jeremiah 50:13, NLT)

Hiding = Avoiding the Lord because of shame (Genesis 3:7-8), the Lord withdrawing His favor (Deuteronomy 31:17), the enemy preparing for a surprise attack (Judges 16:1), cowering in fear (1 Samuel 14:11), secret sin (Job 31:33), the Lord as our place of refuge and safety (Psalm 32:6-7), keeping secrets, covering over the truth

Homesick = The backslider having a desire to return to the Father's house, *My soul yearns, yes, even pines and is homesick for the courts of the Lord* (Psalm 84:2, AMP)

Horseback Riding = See **Horse** and **Jockey**

Housecleaning = The Lord bringing the Church to repentance and restoration (Acts 7:31-32, MSG), *The phrase "one last shaking" means a thorough housecleaning, getting rid of all the historical and religious junk so that the unshakable essentials stand clear and uncluttered.* (Hebrews 12:25-27, MSG)

Hypnotizing = A person using manipulation and/or demonic influence to control another person, manipulating a person of the opposite gender through mesmerizing charm

Igniting (Fire) = To enrage (2 Kings 23:26, MSG), Jesus baptizing us with the Holy Spirit and fire (Matthew 3:11, MSG), *And the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself.* (James 3:6, NLT), to incite someone to sin, fiery preaching or exhortation that precipitates burning passion in the hearts of God people

Investing = *Invest in truth and wisdom, discipline and good sense, and don't part with them.* (Proverbs 23:23, CEV), *Be generous: Invest in acts of charity. Charity yields high returns.* (Ecclesiastes 11:1, MSG), the Lord pouring blessing and grace into His people with the expectation that they will bear fruit (Romans 11:1-2, MSG), to devote one's time, talents resources, etc. into the Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 25:13-29), sin and idolatry that leads to a bankrupt existence (Isaiah 42:17, MSG)

Itching = A restless desire or longing **itching ears** – *For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear* (2 Timothy 4:2-4, NIV), a deep desire to listen to gossip (Proverbs 17:4, MSG)

Journey = *Your life is a journey you must travel with a deep consciousness of God* (1 Peter 1:18, MSG)

Jumping or Leaping = Joy of the Lord (Psalm 28:6, MSG), praise and thanksgiving (Acts 3:8), jumping to conclusions (1 Samuel 1:12-14, MSG, 2 Kings 13:21, MSG), panic (1 Kings

1:49), resurrection from the dead (2 Kings 13:21), freedom (Malachi 4:2)

Kissing = Worshipping Jesus (Luke 7:38), an honest answer (Proverbs 24:26, NIV), intimacy with Jesus (Song of Solomon 1:2), false compliments (Proverbs 27:6), sign of affection (Genesis 31:55), imparting the anointing (1 Samuel 10:1), worship of false gods (1 Kings 19:18, Job 31:27), seduction and temptation (Proverbs 7:10-14), betrayal by a friend (Matthew 26:47-49), the merciful love of the Father (Luke 15:20), brotherly love between Christians (Romans 16:16)

Kneeling = Prayer (1 Kings 8:54), reverence and honor (1 Kings 1:31), worship (2 Chronicles 29:29)

Knitting = *So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, **knit** together as one man.* (Judges 20:11, KJV), *the soul of Jonathan was **knit** with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.* (1 Samuel 18:1b, KJV), the love that unites the body of Christ (Colossians 2:2),

Knocking (On the Door) = Persistently seeking the Lord in prayer (Matthew 7:7-8), Jesus knocking on the door of the hearts of His people to invite them into intimate fellowship with Him (Revelation 3:20)

Laughing = Joyful celebration (Esther 8:16-17), mocking and scoffing (2 Kings 19:21), to dismiss seeming disaster as trivial because God is with you (Job 5:22), the joy of the Lord (Job 8:21, Philippians 4:4), the Lord scoffing at the wicked nations of the Earth who defy Him (Psalm 2:1-4), a joyful expression of praise to the Lord (Psalm 100:1-3, MSG)

Limping = A person lacking strength or stability in his/her Christian walk

Lost (One's Way) = Backslidden (Luke 15:32), separated from God because of not receiving the Lord's free gift of salvation in Jesus Christ (Luke 13:3, AMP)

Lying Down = Soaking in the presence of the Lord (1 Samuel 3:3-4), the Lord's enemies bowing before Him (1 Samuel 3:3-4, NLT), living in peace and safety (Zephaniah 3:13, NLT), sexual sin (Genesis 19:33, NLT), a surprise attack of the enemy (Numbers 35:20, NKJV), intimacy (Song of Solomon 1:1, NLT), humility, prayer and worship (Nehemiah 8:6), see also **Sleeping** and **Resting**

Naked = Poverty (Job 24:7), shame (Isaiah 47:3, Micah 1:11), humiliation (Lamentations 1:8, NLT), defeat (Amos 2:16, NIV), weeping and mourning (Micah 1:8, NIV), a fear of being exposed (Revelation 16:15, NIV) idolatry, (Ezekiel 23:29), *Naked a man comes from his mother's womb, and as he comes, so he departs. He takes nothing from his labor that he can carry in his hand* (Ecclesiastes 5:15, NIV), sexual sin, drunkenness (Genesis 9:20-23), not walking in righteousness (Revelation 3:15-18), **transparency**

Panting = Great thirst for the presence of God (Psalm 42:1-2), failing strength (Psalm 38:10, NKJV)

Parade = *In the Messiah, in Christ, God leads us from place to place in one perpetual victory parade.* (2 Corinthians 2:14, MSG), publicly displaying one's good works in order to be seen and receive praise from man (Luke 20:46, NLT, Isaiah 58:5, MSG), *The look on their faces testifies against them; they parade their sin like Sodom; they do not hide it* (Isaiah 3:9, NIV), worship that appears elaborate and extravagant but is done with a wrong heart, great celebration, an occasion to honor someone

Planting or Sowing = Evangelism (Matthew 13:18-19), troublemakers "sowing mistrust and suspicion in the minds of the people" (Acts 14:2, MSG), financial giving to the work of the Lord (2 Corinthians 9:6), the enemy placing false

Christians in the Church (Matthew 13:38-40), ministry to believers such as teaching (1 Corinthians 9:11), good works in the Lord (Galatians 6:7-9), works of evil and corruption (Galatians 6:7-9), peacemakers spreading seeds of peace (James 3:18)

Plowing = The sinful actions of the wicked (Proverbs 21:4), inner cleansing and repentance (Jeremiah 4:3-4, NLT), divine judgment against evil (Jeremiah 26:17-18)

Pouring out = unburdening ones soul to the Lord (1 Samuel 1:14-16, NIV), outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Isaiah 32:15), idolatry (Jeremiah 32:29), the Lord pouring out blessings on His people (Jeremiah 33:9, MSG), God's wrath poured out (Ezekiel 9:6-8, NIV), drunkenness – pouring out wine (Habakkuk 2:15), healing (Luke 10:34), God's children pouring out love one to another (Ephesians 4:1-3, MSG), the oil of joy poured out on God's people (Hebrews 1:9, NLT), God's people pouring out praise (Hebrews 13:13, MSG), a life sacrificially poured out in service to the Lord even unto death (2 Timothy 4:6), the end-time outpouring of God's wrath on the wicked (Revelation 14:19-20, MSG)

Poverty = *The poor in spirit (the humble, who rate themselves insignificant) for theirs is the kingdom of heaven!* (Matthew 5:3, AMP), the state of the lukewarm Christian in the eyes of God (Revelation 3:16-18)

Prosperity = *...life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation* (Matthew 5:3, AMP), great success

Pruning = The work of God the Father whereby He cuts away from the lives of His people everything that hinders them from bearing fruit in their lives (John 15:1-2), examining one's life and ridding oneself of sin and unproductive behavior

Rape = Violation (Jeremiah 13:22), abuse

Reaping or Harvesting = See **Harvesters** and **Harvest-Time**

Rejection = A demonic spirit of rejection, an expression of one's inner feelings of rejection, persecution

Resting = The security of knowing that as a New Testament believer you are accepted by God and that you don't have to work to earn His love (Hebrews 4:8-11), giving your heavy burdens to Jesus while finding rest for your soul through faith and trust in Him (Matthew 11:28-29)

Resurrection = The born-again experience (John 5:24, John 11:25), a lost soul who returns and recommits him/herself to the Lord (Luke 15:24), the Jewish people finding Jesus their Messiah (Romans 11:7-15), things in one's life such as a prayer life or passion or dreams that had "died" but have been restored

Running = Escaping or fleeing danger (Genesis 31:20), sinful frenzy (Exodus 32:25), pursuit (2 Kings 5:21), one who moves eagerly toward sinful pleasures (Proverbs 6:18), repentant sinners hastening to the Lord (Isaiah 55:5, NLT), fleeing from God's purposes and direction (Jonah 1:3), living in obedience to the Lord (Galatians 5:7), the pursuit of a godly life (1 Timothy 6:11, NLT), freedom

Sexual Activity = Adultery or fornication (Leviticus 18:19-21), idolatry (2 Kings 17:16-17, MSG, Ezekiel 16:22-24, MSG), marital intimacy (1 Corinthians 7:3, NLT), a lustful heart (Matthew 15:18-20), a demonic spirit of lust

(To Be) Shaken = To be rattled by afflictions and troubles (1 Thessalonians 3:3, NKJV), caused to be anxious or fearful (Isaiah 32:10, AMP), see also **Shivering or Trembling**

Shaking = The Lord bringing great turmoil to the Earth (Haggai 2:6), the Lord's judgment coming upon the Church

for the purpose of bringing repentance and restoration (Hebrews 12:25-27, MSG)

Shaking Hands = Agreement, friendship, covenant

Shifting Gears (Car) = An abrupt change in strategy, attitude or behavior, *in gear* – things are running on a consistently smooth level *in high gear* – a high level of activity, activities done very efficiently *gearing down* – preparing to move at a lower rate of intensity

Shivering or Trembling = Fearful (Job 4:15, NLT), to be in awe of God (Job 4:15, Psalm 119:120, MSG), the fear of the Lord (Acts 7:31-32), great fear (Psalm 55:5, NKJV), grief (Isaiah 15:4, MSG), see also **Shaken**

Shooting = Releasing the power of God, hatred, spiritual warfare (Ephesians 6:12), gossip, slandering or cursing others, speaking truth (straight shooter)

Shouting or Screaming = Joyful Praise to the Lord (Psalm 47:1-3), panic (Judges 7:21), victory (Judges 15:14, NLT), a war cry (1 Samuel 17:20, NIV), the ranting of the enemy (1 Samuel 17:23), celebration (1 Kings 1:40-42, NLT), worship of false gods (1 Kings 18:26), praying for help (Psalm 88:13), a warning (Jeremiah 20:7-10), terror (Jeremiah 47:1-4) *unable to scream for help* – a hindrance to one's prayer life

Shrinking = Walking in fear (Job 6:21, MSG), humbling oneself or being humbled by the Lord (2 Kings 22:19, Psalm 110:1, NLT), living in shame and condemnation (1 John 2:28, NLT)

Singing = Worshipping God (Revelation 5:13, 2 Chronicles 23:18), Worshipping a false god or idol (Exodus 32:18), rejoicing (Genesis 31:27), an expression of being at peace and rest (Isaiah 14:7), the Lord's delight and love for His people (Zephaniah 3:17), giving thanks to the Lord (Psalm 28:6, MSG) warfare (2 Chronicles 20:20-22), see **Musician**

Sinking or Drowning= Overwhelmed with sorrow and grief (Job 5:8-11, MSG), great financial loss (Deuteronomy 28:43, NIV, Ezekiel 27:27, NIV), great trouble (Psalm 69:14), the ultimate destruction of an unrepentant and wicked nation (Jeremiah 51:64, Amos 8:8, NIV), loss of honor or prestige (Job 14:21, NLT), shrinking back in fear (Job 23:13, MSG), death (Psalm 30:9), despair (Psalm 142:3, MSG), a great enemy attack (Ezekiel 26:19, NLT), a failing ministry

Sitting = Authority or rulership (1 Kings 1:46), inactivity or complacency (Jeremiah 8:14, James 2:19-20, MSG), fellowship (Matthew 26:20 NLT), repentance, negotiation, sitting in judgment (James 4:11, NIV)

Sleeping = Spiritually dull and not alert (Isaiah 56:10-11, MSG, Mark 13:36), prayerlessness (Jonah 1:4-6, Matthew 26:40-41), death for a Christian who will one day be resurrected (Matthew 7:52), rest **sleeplessness** – prayer and worship through the night (Ecclesiastes 5:2, MSG), wide awake with passion for Jesus (Song of Solomon 3:1), mourning (Psalm 102:7, AMP), lack of trust in the Lord, striving **overslept** – a warning that one may miss his/her appointed time or season for a breakthrough because of spiritual slumber or giving up (Galatians 6:9), a fear that one will miss his/her appointed time or season

Speaking = See **Lips, Mouth and Tongue**

Spitting = Mockery and disdain (Isaiah 50:6), physical healing (Mark 7:33, Mark 8:23)

Stabbing = Betrayal (1 Samuel 29:4, MSG), gossip and slander (Psalm 50:20, MSG), an attack that comes from someone in close relationship, destroying the works of the enemy with the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God (Ephesians 6:17)

Standing = Refusal to compromise, right relationship with God (Psalm 24:5, NLT), refusal to give up (Psalm 88:13-14, MSG)

Stealing = See **Thief**

Stumbling = The staggering of the wicked through spiritual darkness (1 Samuel 2:9, MSG), one struggling through trouble (Job 12:5, MSG), suffer shame (Psalm 69:6, MSG), fall into sin (James 2:10, NIV), to stagger in exhaustion (Psalm 107:5, MSG), an ability to articulate one's thoughts, making mistakes (James 3:2, NLT)

Suffocating = *the cares of the world and the pleasure and delight and glamour and deceitfulness of riches choke and suffocate the Word, and it yields no fruit.* (Matthew 13:22, AMP), a lack of a devotional life, feeling totally suppressed, stifled and severely limited by others or by circumstances

Sunbathing = Soaking in the Lord, vanity

Swallowing = Believing a lie (Jeremiah 7:8, MSG), a bitter pill to swallow (Ruth 1:13, MSG), a consuming attack of the enemy (2 Samuel 17:16, KJV), the Lord's wrath annihilating the wicked (Psalm 21:9), swallowing one's pride (Proverbs 6:3, NLT), the Lord swallowing up death in victory (Isaiah 25:7-9, KJV), the wicked swallowed up by their own wine (Isaiah 28:7, NKJV)

Sweeping = See **Broom**

Swimming = Escape from danger (Acts 27:41-42), moving or ministering in the Holy Spirit (Ezekiel 47:3-5), enjoying God
treading water = activity that doesn't seem to lead to progress or advancement

Talent Contest = Ministry that has as its goal pleasing and impressing people rather than God, competition, pride vanity

Tasting = Spiritual discernment (Job 34:2-4, NIV), to experience bitterness of soul (Job 27:2 NIV), to experience wealth (Job 21:25, NLT), to experience happiness (Job 21:25, MSG), to venture into an experience with God in order to see that He really is good and kind, (Psalm 34:9), to experience the sweetness of God's Word (Psalm 119:103, Hebrews 6:5), to experience the ministry of the Holy Spirit (Hebrews 6:4), **bad taste** – a feeling that there is something wrong about a person or situation, see also **Bitter Tasting**, **Sour Tasting** and **Sweet Tasting**

Uncovering = *And the king of Assyria uncovered a conspiracy by Hoshea; for he had sent messengers to So, king of Egypt (2 Kings 17:4, NKJV), He will punish your iniquity, O daughter of Edom; He will uncover your sins! (Lamentations 4:22, NKJV), Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered (Hebrews 4:13, NIV)*

Uprooting = The Father weeding false Christians out of the Church (Matthew 15:13), Moving away from one's home to live elsewhere

Vomiting = Purging, revulsion, overindulgence (Proverbs 25:16), derision (Jeremiah 48:26), *These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. (Revelation 3:16),*

Waking Up= Resurrection (2 Kings 4:31-35, NIV), the arousal of love (Song of Solomon 2:7), the Lord moving into action to defend His people (Psalm 35:23), shaking off laziness and apathy (Proverbs 6:9, NLT), the Lord opening our ears to hear His voice (Isaiah 50:4-5, MSG), to heed a warning (Jeremiah 46:14, MSG), to become alert to the consequences of one's sin (Joel 1:4-6), to wake up to reality (Amos 6:1), to realize how much one is lacking in his/her spiritual state (Romans 13:11), to soberly examine ones

behavior in the light of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:5-6, MSG), Repent and obey! (Revelation 3: 2-3, NIV)

Walking = The way in which one conducts is/her life; whether following the ways of the Lord (Deuteronomy 8:5-7) or following ones own stubborn path of sin (Deuteronomy 29:19, NLT), following in the path of those who went before; whether good (2 Chronicles 11:17) or evil (1 Kings 15:33) **unable to walk** - a fear of helplessness, paralyzed with fear, a hindrance to moving ahead, see also **Feet** and **Shoes**

Wandering = Aimlessness or lack of purpose, *A man who wanders out of the way of understanding shall abide in the congregation of the spirits (of the dead).* (Proverbs 21:16, AMP)

Winking = ...*signaling their deceit with a **wink** of the eye, a nudge of the foot, or the wiggle of fingers.* (Proverbs 6:13, NLT), flirtation or seduction (Isaiah 3:16, CEV), giving approval to wrongdoing by ignoring it (Leviticus 20:4, AMP)

Witchcraft = Rebellion (1 Samuel 15:23), a false prophet (Isaiah 44:25, AMP, Jeremiah 14:14, AMP), counterfeit miracles which are performed using satanic powers (2 Thessalonians 2:8-10), a seduction (Proverbs 7:21), legalistic teaching that leads God's people into a gospel of works rather than grace (Galatians 3:1-3), control and manipulation

Wounded = Having one's feelings hurt, the negative internal affect of an attack by the enemy such as loss of faith, depression or a broken heart

Yard Sale or Garage Sale = Ridding one's life of memories that bring hurt or bitterness, unburdening oneself of the old so that God can impart the new, a sign that a life season is coming to an end

U.S. STATE MOTTOS

***At times, a dream location might be a state with which the dreamer has no association or connection. I have felt to include a list of US state mottos which might offer a clue as to the state's symbolic significance in a dream. I am including also several state slogans and or nicknames that might be pertinent.**

Alabama = We dare to defend our rights – Share The Wonder

Alaska = North to the future – Beyond Your Dreams, Within Your Reach – Last Frontier

Arizona = God enriches

Arkansas = The people rule

California = Eureka (which means "I have found it")

Colorado = Nothing without Providence or Nothing without the Deity – Enter a Higher State

Connecticut = He who transplanted sustains (It is believed that this motto is taken from Psalm 80:9-10: *You cleared the ground for us, and we took root and filled the land. Our shade covered the mountains; our branches covered the mighty cedars.*, NLT) – Full of Surprises

Delaware = Liberty and independence

Florida = In God we trust

Georgia = Wisdom, justice, and moderation

Hawaii = The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness

Idaho = It is forever

Illinois = State sovereignty, national union

Indiana = The crossroads of America – Restart Your Engines

Iowa = Our liberties we prize and our rights we will maintain
– Life Changing; Fields of Opportunity

Kansas = To the stars through difficulties

Kentucky = Let us give thanks to God (adopted 2002) –
Unbridled Spirit

Louisiana = Union justice and confidence – Come as you
are. Leave Different

Maine = "I direct" (symbolizes the state guiding the people)

Maryland = Manly deeds womanly words

Massachusetts = By the sword we seek peace but peace only
under liberty

Michigan = I will be defended, If you seek a pleasant
peninsula look around you

Minnesota = "I long to see what is beyond"

Mississippi = By valor and arms

Missouri = Let the good of the people be the supreme law –
Where the Rivers Run

Montana = Gold and silver

Nebraska = Equality before the law

Nevada = All for our country – Wide Open

New Hampshire = Live free or die

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New Jersey = Liberty and prosperity – Come See For Yourself

New Mexico = It grows as it goes

New York = Ever Upward!

North Carolina = To be rather than to seem

North Dakota = Liberty and union now and forever one and inseparable (from their Great Seal), Strength from the soil (from their Coat of Arms)

Ohio = With God all things are possible -- So Much to Discover

Oklahoma = Labor conquers all things

Oregon = She flies with her own wings – We Love Dreamers

Pennsylvania = Virtue liberty and independence -- State of Independence

Rhode Island = Hope

South Carolina = While I breathe I hope, Ready in soul and resource – Smiling Faces. Beautiful Places

South Dakota = Under God the people rule

Tennessee = Agriculture and commerce

Texas = Friendship

Utah = Industry – Life Elevated

Vermont = Freedom and Unity

Virginia = Thus always to tyrants (meaning the total defeat of tyranny)

Washington = Bye and bye (meaning into the future or “I will see you in the future”)

West Virginia = Mountaineers are always free – Open for Business

Wisconsin = Forward – Stay Just a Little Bit Longer

Wyoming = Equal rights – Like No Place on Earth

EVERYTHING ELSE INCLUDING THE KITCHEN SINK

Alarm = Crying out to God for protection from the enemy (Numbers 10:9-10), *I also sent prophets to warn you of danger, but when they sounded the alarm, you paid no attention.* (Jeremiah 6:17, CEV), the cry of the prophetic watchman that the enemy is at hand (Ezekiel 33:3, NLT), a call to repentance to avert judgment (Joel 2:1-17)

Alarm Clock = A wake up call to shake off spiritual slumber, a new beginning

Altar = Sacrifice (Genesis 8:20), worship (Genesis 13:4)

Anchor = Hope in Christ (Hebrews 6:19), Jesus as our source of stability

Answering Machine = A message from the Lord or others

Antibiotic = The Holy Spirit exposing and destroying the hidden work of the enemy, see also **Medicine**

Appetite = Sinful and lustful desires (Proverbs 13:2, NLT, Romans 8:8, MSG), hunger for God (Matthew 5:6, MSG)

Apron = Servanthood (Luke 17:8, NLT), a calling to teach the Word of God, physical healing and deliverance (Acts 19: 11-12)

Arrow or Dart = Divine judgment (Deuteronomy 32:23), warning (1 Samuel 20:20-22), deliverance and victory over the enemy (2 Kings 13:17), words (Psalm 64:3), *Children born to a young man are like arrows in a warrior's hands* (Psalm 127:4, NLT), a prophet (Isaiah 49:2) lies (Proverbs 25:18), famine and great hunger (Ezekiel 5:16), demonic attack (Ephesians 6:16), spiritual warfare

Axe = *Even now the axe of God's judgment is poised, ready to sever the roots of the trees. Yes, every tree that does not produce good fruit will be chopped down and thrown into the fire.* (Matthew 3:10, NLT), anointing, resentment **sharp axe** - wisdom (Ecclesiastes 10:10b) **dull axe** - human strength (Ecclesiastes 10:10a)

Backpack = Carrying your past memories or experiences which have become a burden, carrying stress or great responsibility

Badge = Authority

Balloons = Christians who although fragile in themselves are indwelt with the Holy Spirit which causes them to soar, rapid increase (ballooning at a fast rate), freedom, a person puffed up with pride

Bankruptcy = The fruitless results of sin and corruption (Psalm 119:11, MSG), to be lacking moral character

Belt = The righteousness of Christ (Isaiah 11:5), authority (Isaiah 22:21, NKJV), The Lord binding His people to Him as a belt around His waist (Jeremiah 13:11, NIV), God's truth (Ephesians 6:14, NIV) **tightening one's belt** - the need or desire to budget and/or spend less money

Banner = Victory in the Lord (Psalm 20:5), the intimate love Jesus has for His bride - the Church (Song of Solomon 2:4), Jesus as: *a banner of salvation to all the world.* (Isaiah 11:10b, NLT), a call to war (Jeremiah 51:27)

Banquet = Intimate and joyful fellowship with the Lord (Song of Solomon 2:4), the future Marriage Supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:9), a great time of eating the Word of God and drinking of the Spirit (Matthew 23:4, MSG), worldly revelry and celebration
(1 Samuel 25:35-37), an occasion to honor a person or group of people (Esther 1:3)

Barrel = a large quantity of something (Psalm 102:9, MSG), moving ahead recklessly (barreling forward)

Beacon = A warning signal, a Christian as a light in the darkness (Philippians 2:15, AMP), the Bible which gives illumination to a dark world

Bed = Intimacy with Jesus our Bridegroom (Song of Solomon 61:16), sickness (Psalm 41:3, NIV), laziness (Proverbs 6:6-11, MSG), sexual temptation and sin (Proverbs 7:11-18, MSG), marital intimacy (Hebrews 13:4)

Billboard = A message from the Lord

Binoculars = Prophetic revelation, the seer anointing

Blanket = Spiritual covering, sleep, rest, protection

Bleach = Spiritual cleansing and repentance (Malachi 3:1-3, NLT)

Blueprint = God's revealed design, strategy or plan of action (1 Chronicles 28:12, MSG, Isaiah 14:24, MSG)

Boomerang = *What a bad person plots against the good, boomerangs; the plotter gets it in the end.* (Proverbs 21:18, MSG)

Bottle = *You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book.* (Psalm 56:8, NLT), an unhealthy repressing of emotions and feelings

Bowl = God's end-time judgment poured out on the wicked (Revelation 16), prayers of the saints (Revelation 5:8)

Brick = Hard labor (Exodus 1:12-15, NIV) or bondage (NKJV), human rather than divine effort **brick wall** – a hard and seemingly immovable obstacle (Isaiah 1:5, MSG)

Briefcase = One's identity

Broom = Repentance and cleansing of sin, inner healing, the Lord wiping out the enemy (Isaiah 14:22-23), a symbol of witchcraft, deliverance (Matthew 12:44)

Bruise = Hurt feelings

Bubble = An illusion, a comfortable environment in which there is no real challenge, something in life that lasts for a moment and then fades away **a burst bubble** – disillusionment

Cage = A fear of being trapped in a situation with no way out, a confining and overly restrictive situation from which it seems there is no escape (Job 6:1-3, MSG)

Candle = The light of God piercing the darkness (Psalm 18:28, KJV), a frail or vulnerable person (Matthew 12:19-21, NLT), religious ritual and tradition, the occult

Canteen = The Lord's provision during a dry desert season of one's life, a call to continually drink of the water of the Spirit in spite of feeling dried up and weary

Centerpiece = ...*take a good hard look at Jesus. He's the centerpiece of everything we believe* (Hebrews 3:1, MSG), the thing that is central in someone's life whether good or bad

Chain = Imprisonment (Ezekiel 7:22-24, AMP), bondage to sin or addiction, defeat (Nahum 3:10, AMP), unity (believers linked together as one)

Chair = Seat of authority (*1 Samuel 1:9*) **rocking chair** - laziness, old age, motherhood

Cigarette = Spirit of death (Jeremiah 9:21), addiction

Circle = Symbol of eternity, one's sphere of influence, endless unfruitful activity or conversation (going around in circles), a group of people who are closest to an authority figure (inner circle)

Cloak or Coat = A spiritual mantle of authority and anointing (2 Kings 2:14, NIV), shame and disgrace (Psalm 109:28-30, NIV), being cloaked in secrecy (Proverbs 21:14, NIV), the zeal of the Lord (Isaiah 59:16-18), the Lord's covering (Ezekiel 16:8), divine healing (Matthew 9:21, NIV), a cover-up for evil (1 Peter 2:16, NKJV) **cloaks spread out on the road** - worship of Jesus as King (Matthew 21:8, NIV)

Clock or Watch = God's timing, things working out perfectly or people working together with great precision (like clockwork)- Note the time on the clock and check the Numbers section. The time can also represent a Scripture verse or a calendar date.

Clothes or Garments = Covering, clothes are indicative of one's inner state **dirty clothes** - Shame and disgrace (Psalm 109:29, MSG), sin (Zechariah 3:3) **torn clothes** - repentance and/or mourning (2 Samuel 13:31) **clean clothes** - righteousness (Zechariah 3:4-5) *See also Colors as the color of clothes are often essential in understanding symbolic meaning*

Clutter = Less important things that fill one's time so that there is little room for that which is truly worthwhile such as prayer or family time, thoughts of the cares and pleasures of this world which distract the mind from focusing on the Lord or other truly important matters

Cork = Self control or self restraint

Cross = The sacrificial death of Jesus bringing us forgiveness of sin and reconciling us with God (Ephesians 1:7-10, MSG, Colossians 1:19-21), *Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to His*

cross and crucified them there. (Galatians 5:24, NLT) the power released through Jesus' death to break curses off of our lives (Galatians 3:13), persecution (Galatians 6:12), humility and obedience (Philippians 2:8-9), Jesus' total victory over the enemy (Colossians 2:15)

Crown = Authority (Esther 6:8), glory and honor (Psalm 8:5), *He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies* (Psalm 103:4, NLT), *For the LORD takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with salvation.* (Psalm 149:4 NIV), *A wife of noble character is her husband's crown* (Proverbs 12:4, NIV), *Grandchildren are the crowning glory of the aged* (Proverbs 17:6, NLT), everlasting joy (Isaiah 35:10, NIV), *To all who mourn in Israel, he will give a crown of beauty for ashes* (Isaiah 61:3, NLT), *And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.* (2 Timothy 4:8, NLT)

Cup = One's portion or lot in life or life season (Psalm 16:5, NIV) whether the abundant blessings of God (Psalm 23:5) or bitterness and sorrow (Lamentations 3:15, NLT), salvation (Psalm 116:12-14), the wrath of God (Isaiah 51:17), ruin and desolation, NLT), a person (Matthew 23:26), the cup of Communion representing the blood of Jesus (Matthew 26:27)

Curtain = The heavens (Psalm 104:2), secret sin, a secretive person ***pulling the curtains closed*** - the ending of something (Matthew 13:49, MSG), secrecy

Cymbal = Rejoicing (1 Samuel 18:6, NLT), bold praise and worship (Psalm 150:5), religious speech which is void of love

Dam = Religious spirit (stopping up the free flowing movement of the Holy Spirit), the Lord as the one who holds back the floods of the enemy, the work of the enemy in attempting to hinder the flow of God's blessings to His people, repression of one's emotions

Debris = Residual damage from a bad situation such as hurt feelings or broken relationships

Deed or Title = *Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the **title deed**) of the things (we) hope for, being the proof of things (we) do not see and the conviction of their reality (faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses.)* (Hebrews 11:1, AMP), a sign of future ownership of property, house, car, etc, a reminder that we God's people belong to Him (John 8:47), the ownership of the land of Israel by the Jewish people (Ezekiel 45:5-7)

Desk = Bible study, academics, writing

Drain = Sudden terror and disease draining away life (Leviticus 26:16, NIV), courage draining away for fear (Joshua 5:1, MSG), misery draining away strength (Psalm 31:10, NLT), shame draining away power (Isaiah 37:27, NIV), repentance draining away sin

Drugs (Illegal) = Spirit of death (Jeremiah 9:21), addiction, witchcraft: pharmakia which is the Greek word used for sorceries in Revelation 9:21 is the root word for drug – drugs (potions) have long been used in sorcery

Earring = *a wise man's rebuke to a listening ear* (Proverbs 25:12, NIV)

Eyeglasses = An increase in prophetic vision

Famine = *Behold the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will send a famine through the land— not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the Lord.* (Amos 8:11, NKJV)

Fence = A barrier or obstacle to moving ahead (Job 19:8, NKJV), a boundary, a feeling of being fenced in **barbed-wire fence** – protection from the enemy, a person who doesn't

allow others to become close **sitting on the fence** - *Elijah challenged the people: "How long are you going to sit on the fence? If God is the real God, follow him; if it's Baal, follow him. Make up your minds!"* (1 Kings 18:21, MSG)

Ferris Wheel = Religious ritual and tradition, a ministry that is going nowhere, an unfruitful strategy

Fire Extinguisher = *In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.* (Ephesians 6:16, NIV), a church leader who disallows prophecy (1 Thessalonians 5:18-20) a peacemaker, sin which quenches the fire of God

Fireworks = Self promotion, a display of great anger, spectacular activity with little substance

Found (A Person Who Had Lost His/Her Way) = A lost soul brought into the Kingdom of God through faith in Jesus Christ (Luke 15:4-7)

Fragrance (Sweet Smelling) = The sweet smelling fragrance of Jesus (Song of Solomon 1:3), the sweet smelling fragrance of the Church before the Lord (Song of Solomon 4:10), worship (John 12:3), *Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.* (2 Corinthians 2:14, NKJV), the sacrifice of Jesus (Ephesians 5:2, AMP), sacrifice and offerings to the Lord (Numbers 28:27)

Freedom or Liberty = *But Jesus said to the woman, your faith has saved you; go (enter) into peace (in **freedom** from all the distresses that are experienced as the result of sin).* (Luke 7:50, AMP), living under the New Covenant of grace rather than under the Old Covenant based on keeping the law (Romans 6:14, NLT), freedom from eternal death for the believer (1 Corinthians 15:53, AMP), the enabling grace the Lord gives His people to no longer be bound by sin and addictions (2 Corinthians 3:17, AMP), fearlessness in one's

Christian walk (Philippians 1:14, AMP), freedom for the believer to come boldly into God's presence (Hebrews 10:19, AMP)

Garbage = Gossip (Proverbs 18:8, NIV), sin (Isaiah 1:25, MSG), idols (Isaiah 30:22, MSG), things that have worldly value but no eternal value (Philippians 3:8, NLT), worthless or useless, see also **Junk Food**

Garden = The fruitful heart of a Christian in which the Lord takes delight (Song of Solomon 5:1), the Jewish people in the eyes of God (Isaiah 5:7), the Lord's provision (Ezekiel 34:29, MSG) **a garden locked up** – the place in the heart of a Christian that is preserved for intimacy with God alone (Song of Solomon 4:12, NIV)

Gate = *You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way.* (Matthew 7:13, NLT), Jesus as the only way to access the Kingdom of Heaven (John 10:7), rulership over a city or region (Genesis 23:18, Deuteronomy 21:19)

Gift = An offering unto the Lord (Genesis 4:3-4, NLT, Numbers 7:3, NIV), the birth of a child as a gift from God (Genesis 30:20), the blessings of the Lord (James 1:17, John 1:16), *As each of you has received a **gift** (a particular spiritual talent, a gracious divine endowment), employ it for one another as (befits) good trustees of God's many-sided grace* (1 Peter 4:10, AMP), *Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the **gift** of the Holy Spirit.* (Acts 2:38), *For the wages of sin is death, but the free **gift** of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.* (Romans 6:23, NLT)

Glass = Transparency, fragility **stained glass** – Religious ritual and the traditions of men (Mark 7:8), see also **Window**

Hammer = *Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to His cross and crucified them there. (Galatians 5:24, NLT), God wiped out the charges that were against us for disobeying the Law of Moses. He took them away and nailed them to the cross. (Colossians 2:14, CEV) the Word of God (Jeremiah 23:29), a great and very powerful nation in war (Jeremiah 51:20, MSG), a call to build up the Kingdom of God on Earth*

Handkerchief = Physical healing and deliverance (Acts 19: 11-12), weeping

Harp = Worship (Psalm 43:4), rejoicing and celebration (Genesis 31:27), deliverance (1 Samuel 16:23), prophesying (2 Kings 3:15-16)

Hat = Glory and beauty (Exodus 28:40, NKJV), a role, office or position (the type of hat may give more clarification, as for example a hard hat or a firefighter's hat)

Hunger = *God—you're my God! I can't get enough of you! I've worked up such hunger and thirst for God, traveling across dry and weary deserts. (Psalm 63:1, MSG), a great desire for the Word of God (Psalm 119:20, MSG), fools are hungry for foolishness. (Proverbs 15:14a, CEV), a longing for true love (Song of Solomon 2:5, CEV), a non-believer who feels empty inside along with an inner hunger for something more in life, Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. (Matthew 5:6, KJV), a lust for material wealth and possessions (2 Timothy 3:2, MSG)*

Incense = Prayer (Revelation 8:4), *the heartfelt counsel of a friend is as sweet as perfume and incense (Proverbs 27:9, NLT)*

Inheritance = *For what has God above chosen for us? What is our inheritance from the Almighty on high? Isn't it calamity for the wicked and misfortune for those who do evil?*

(Job 31:2-3, NLT), *The king proclaims the LORD's decree: "The LORD said to me, 'You are my son. Today I have become your Father. Only ask, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance, the whole earth as your possession.* (Psalm 2:7-8, NLT), *Lord, you alone are my inheritance, my cup of blessing. You guard all that is mine.* (Psalm 16:5, NLT), *What joy for the nation whose God is the Lord, whose people he has chosen as his inheritance.* (Psalm 33:12, NLT), *But the meek [in the end] shall **inherit** the earth and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.* (Psalm 37:11, AMP), the promises of God (Psalm 119:6, AMP), *The wise shall inherit glory (all honor and good)* (Proverbs 3:35, AMP), *Those who love me inherit wealth. I will fill their treasuries.* (Proverbs 8:21, AMP), *wisdom* (Ecclesiastes 7:11), eternal life as the inheritance of the children of God in Christ (Matthew 19:29), the passing down of spiritual gifts, mantles, callings, etc from those who have gone before (2 Kings 2:13-15)

Iron (Clothes) = The Word of God which removes the wrinkles of sin in our lives (Ephesians 5:25-27), continuous sin that sears the conscience of the wicked (1 Timothy 4:2, NIV)

Jar = The Lord's provision (Jeremiah 13:12, NLT, 2 Kings 4:5-7, NIV, Ruth 2:9, NIV),

Jewel = *Gold there is, and rubies in abundance, but lips that speak knowledge are a rare jewel.* (Proverbs 20:15, NIV), great beauty (Ezekiel 16:7), the outshining of the glory of God (Revelation 21:11), a child of God (Malachi 3:17, KJV), a very special person, wealth, see also **GEMSTONES**

Junk Mail = Distracting thoughts that come during one's prayer time

Key = Wisdom as the key to life (Proverbs 4:8-14, NLT), kingdom authority (Isaiah 22:22), the fear of the Lord as the key to: *a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge* (Isaiah 33:6, NIV), *I am the Living One; I was dead, and*

behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. (Revelation 1:18)

Knife = Sacrifice unto the Lord (Genesis 22:9-12), betrayal (Psalm 144:11, MSG), the Word of God (Ephesians 6:17), circumcision which is a type of the Lord cutting away sin from our hearts (Exodus 4:25) see also **Stabbing**

Knot = A complicated problem (Daniel 5:16, AMP), marriage, a very close relationship

Ladder = Jesus as the bridge between Heaven and Earth (Genesis 28:11-13), a vehicle for promotion and prosperity as signified by climbing up the ladder (Deuteronomy 28:43, MSG), a way of escape

Lamp = The Word of God (Psalm 119:105), *The spirit of man [that factor in human personality which proceeds immediately from God] is the lamp of the Lord, searching all his innermost parts.* (Proverbs 20:27, AMP), *"Your eye is a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is good, your whole body is filled with light.* (Matthew 6:22, NLT), a Christian who shines forth the light of God from his/her life (Mark 4:21), the Church (Revelation 1:20)

Landmark = The barrier between right and wrong (Hosea 5:10, AMP), a significant event in the life of a person, an organization, a region, a nation, etc – an example of this would be a wedding as a landmark event in one's life

Linen = Wealth (Luke 16:19, Revelation 18:16), *Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear."* (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.) (Revelation 19:7-8)

Lock = Emotional and spiritual bondage from which it seems there is no escape (Lamentations 3:5-6, MSG), a bad situation in which someone feels entrapped (Lamentations

3:7-9, MSG), the secrets of the Lord (Daniel 12:4, MSG), *But the Scripture declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe. Before this faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, **locked up** until faith should be revealed,* a locked door which speaks of an opportunity or desired outcome that is or seems unattainable.

Lost (One's Way) = Living an unrepentant life of sin and rebellion (Genesis 6:12, AMP, Luke 13:3, AMP), a person who is or has become separated from God (Matthew 18:11)

Magic = Counterfeit miracles performed through satanic powers (2 Thessalonians 2:8-10), a false prophet (Genesis 41:23-25, Jeremiah 14:14, AMP), lies and illusions (Isaiah 30:9-11, AMP), see also **Magician**

Map = The Lord's direction or strategy, a sign of someone being without direction, *and if you stay on course, keeping your eye on the life-**map** and the God-signs as your father David did, I'll also give you a long life.*" (1 Kings 3:14, MSG)

Masquerade Costume = A sign of covering up one's true inner thoughts and feelings while showing a facade, hypocrisy or hidden sin, ... *for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness* (2 Corinthians 11:14-15, NIV)

Mat = Sickness (Mark 6:55, Acts 5:14-16) **doormat** – an often abused person (Proverbs 29:21, MSG)

Maze = A difficult situation with many twists and turns (Psalm 88:8-9, MSG), the wicked who travel *paths that go nowhere, wandering in a maze of detours and dead ends.* (Proverbs 2:14-15, MSG)

Measuring Cup = Increasing levels of sin (Genesis 15:16, NIV, Matthew 23:32), God's judgment (Psalm 28:4, NLT), *For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.* (Matthew 7:2, NIV), "Give and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back" (Luke 6:38, NLT), the measure of godly spiritual qualities in one's life such as kindness and love (2 Peter 1:6-8) **beyond measure** – great abundance of provision (Genesis 41:49), God's glory (2 Corinthians 4:17), the grace of God (1 Timothy 1:14), God's love

Medicine = A cheerful heart (Proverbs 17:22), *Brutal Ephraim is himself brutalized— a taste of his own medicine!* (Hosea 5:11, MSG), correction or rebuke from a godly person (Psalm 141:5, NLT), healing prayer (James 5:15), the Word of God

Merry-Go-Round = Endless activity with little variety, religious tradition and ritual

Microphone = Public prominence in ministry, business or other endeavors, a prideful desire to be in the spotlight

Microwave = A method of making things happen quickly regardless of quality, an unrealistic expectation of instantaneous results

Mirror = The Word of God (James 1:22-24), Jesus as a reflection of the Father (Hebrews 1:3, MSG), vanity (1 Timothy 2:8-10, MSG), the Church which is to reflect the glory of the Lord (2 Corinthians 3:17-18)

Music = Worshipping the Lord (Judges 5:3), celebration (Luke 15:25), worship of false gods (Daniel 3:4-6), worldly revelry **harmony** – Unity (Psalm 133:1, NLT), one with the Lord (Psalm 7:9, AMP) **symphony** - *Wilderness and desert*

*will sing joyously, the badlands will celebrate and flower— Like the crocus in spring, bursting into blossom, a **symphony** of song and color. Mountain glories of Lebanon—a gift. Awesome Carmel, stunning Sharon—gifts. God's resplendent glory, fully on display. God awesome, God majestic. (Isaiah 35:1-2, MSG), agreement (Matthew 18:19, AMP) **cacophony** – Loud conflict and disagreement*

Necklace = Pride (Psalm 73:5-7), love and faithfulness (Proverbs 3:3, NIV), vanity (Isaiah 3:17-18)

Newspaper Headline = The foretelling of a future event, an expression of fear that a frightening event will take place, an inner desire for fame, *Your marvelous doings are headline news; I could write a book full of the details of your greatness.* (Psalm 145:6, MSG), a desire for fame, a prophetic word or word of knowledge in the headline itself

Odor (Foul Smelling) or Stench = Wickedness and sin (Proverbs 10:7, MSG, Jude 1:22, MSG), a Christian as *the smell of death* to those who reject Christ (2 Corinthians 2:16, NIV), *Religious performance by the wicked stinks* (Proverbs 21:27a, MSG)

Oven or Stove = Murderous rage (Hosea 7:6-8), the consuming nature of God's wrath poured out on the wicked (Psalm 21:9, AMP), great suffering and tribulation (Lamentations 5:10, AMP), fresh baked bread symbolizing fresh revelation, *They're a bunch of overheated adulterers, like an oven that holds its heat* (Hosea 7:4, MSG) **backburner** - something that for a time is given less focus or attention

Parachute = The Lord as the object of our faith

Patch = A strategy to mend a broken relationship, an attempt to cover over a problem without really dealing with it

Pen = The Spirit of God guiding the words of a true worshipper of Jesus (Psalm 45:1-3), writing or journaling (Jeremiah 36:18, MSG)

Perfume = Sexual temptation (Proverbs 7:16-18), *the heartfelt counsel of a friend is as sweet as perfume and incense* (Proverbs 27:9, NLT), the sweet smelling fragrance of Jesus (Song of Solomon 1:3), the sweet smelling fragrance of the Church before the Lord (Song of Solomon 4:10), a heart poured out in worship (Matthew 26:6), the knowledge of Christ (2 Corinthians 2:14, NLT) see **BIBLICAL SPICES AND PERFUMES**

Phone = Communication with the Lord or others

Pillow = Rest, spiritual slumber

Photograph = Memories or images from the past

Photo Album = Ordering past memories in order to put them in proper perspective, an unhealthy focus on the past

Plate or Dish = A person: the outside of the plate speaks of one's outward appearance and reputation while the inside represents the inner person (Luke 11:38-40), a person's schedule (full plate = full schedule), a teaching or Bible study tool or the vehicle through which the Word of God is presented

Pocketbook or Wallet = One's identity, personal finances (Proverbs 7:20, MSG)

Poison = Idolatry or false religion (Deuteronomy 29:18, NIV), evil words such as gossip or slander (James 3:8, Psalm 140:9, MSG), wine (Deuteronomy 32:32-34), trusting a fool (Proverbs 26:6, NLT), divine judgment (Jeremiah 8:14, NLT), false doctrine or teaching, the spirit of death (Jeremiah 9:21)

Pressure Cooker = A very stressful and demanding situation (Psalm 32:4, MSG)

Prize = The eternal reward of the Christian (1 Corinthians 9:25) The Church in the eyes of Jesus (Hebrews 12:2, AMP), Jesus in the eyes of His people

Puppet = A false prophet (1 Kings 22:23, MSG), a person who is being controlled and/or manipulated by another

Puzzle = *The heart is hopelessly dark and deceitful, a puzzle that no one can figure out* (Jeremiah 17:9, MSG), a situation or statement that one's mind can not make sense of (Matthew 19:25), a complicated matter

Rags = Great poverty (1 Corinthians 4:11, NIV), drunkenness (Proverbs 23:19, NIV), *We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds they are nothing but filthy rags.* (Isaiah 64:6, NLT)

Recipe = A means of attaining a goal or desired state: *I've found the **recipe** for being happy whether full or hungry, hands full or hands empty. Whatever I have, wherever I am, I can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am* (Philippians 4:12-13, MSG) behavior that will lead to an unwanted end such as taking drugs and smoking as a recipe for disaster

Ring = Wealth (James 2:2, NIV), authority (Esther 8:8), eternity, marriage, vanity commitment, covenant

Robe = Covering **multi-colored (KJV) or richly ornamented (NIV) robe** - favor (Genesis 37:2-4), **purple robe** - royalty (Daniel 5:7), **white robe** - righteousness (Isaiah 61:10, Revelation 6:11), **blue robe** - priestly intercession and worship (Exodus 39:22)

Rod = Punishment and discipline (2 Samuel 7:13-15), correction or rebuke (Proverbs 29:15), rulership (Isaiah 14:5, NIV)

Rollercoaster = An unpredictable season of life with many twists and turns and ups and downs and sudden changes

Rotten = Sin and corruption (2 Kings 21:2, MSG), death and hell (Psalm 68:5, MSG), envy and jealousy (Proverbs 14:30), pride (Jeremiah 13:9, NLT), sinful motives (Galatians 4:17, MSG), the moral decay of society (2 Peter 1:4, AMP)

Sackcloth = Mourning (Genesis 37:34), repentance (Joel 1:13)

Scale = Justice (Job 31:6, NLT), honesty (Proverbs 11:1b), dishonesty (Proverbs 11:1a), God's measure of a person's character (Daniel 5:27), famine (Revelation 6:5-6)

Seal = Authority (Esther 8:8), *And he received the sign of circumcision, a **seal** of the righteousness of the faith* (Romans 4:11, KJV), the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13), ownership, a Christian as a seal upon the heart of Jesus or vice versa according to one's interpretation of the Scripture (Song of Solomon 8:6), divine end-time judgment poured out on the Earth (Revelation 6:5), God's seal of protection upon His people: *Then locusts came from the smoke and descended on the earth, and they were given power to sting like scorpions. They were told not to harm the grass or plants or trees, but only the people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads.* (Revelation 9:3-4, NLT)

Sewage = Sin and pride (Isaiah 25:11, MSG)

Sewer = A place of sin and corruption (Genesis 6:11, MSG)

Shelf = A time of inactivity (Psalm 71:9, MSG), a period of waiting on the Lord before being released into one's ministry,

something important that a person has ignored such as prayer or ministry (Revelation 22:6, MSG - heading)

Shoes = *And having shod your feet in preparation (to face the enemy with the firm-footed stability, the promptness, and the readiness produced by the good news) of the Gospel of peace.* (Ephesians 6:15, AMP), one's individual walk in life (Galatians 4:12, MSG), evangelism (Isaiah 52:7) **snow shoes** – standing and walking on the Word of God, see also **Feet**

Shovel = See **Digging**

Shower or Bathtub = Repentance and cleansing, inner healing

Sickle = Divine judgment of the wicked poured out in the end-times (Joel 3:12-14), soul winning evangelism (Mark 4:26-29)

Silk or Velvet = Luxury (Isaiah 3:18, MSG), smoothness or softness

Sink = Repentance and cleansing of sin

Slide = Falling into sin (Ephesians 5:3, MSG), *But there were also lying prophets among the people then, just as there will be lying religious teachers among you. They've put themselves on a fast downhill slide to destruction* (2 Peter 2:1, 3, MSG), a sign that a difficult time is ahead

Splinter = *And to keep me from being puffed up and too much elated by the exceeding greatness (preeminence) of these revelations, there was given me a thorn (a **splinter**) in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to rack and buffet and harass me, to keep me from being excessively exalted.* (2 Corinthians 12:7, AMP), harassment (Numbers 33:55, NLT)

Sponge = Someone who retains a great deal of knowledge, a Christian who soaks up the glory and presence of God, a person who takes advantage of the generosity of others

Spoon or Fork = A bible study tool such as a concordance or bible dictionary, a teacher or teaching ministry

Spotlight = A prideful person who likes to draw attention to him/herself (Proverbs 25:6, MSG, Matthew 23:4-6), self-promotion (Philippians 1:15, MSG), the Lord promoting a person or ministry into the forefront (John 8:54, MSG), one who likes to brag about his/her accomplishments to impress others

Staff or Cane = Rulership and authority (Genesis 49:10, NIV), signs and miracles (Exodus 4:17, NIV), old age (Zechariah 8:4, NKJV), favor (Zechariah 11:10, NIV), brotherhood (Zechariah 11:14, NIV), guidance, a need for support

Stain = Sin (Jude 1:23, Jeremiah 2:22), **blood stain** – bloodguilt (Isaiah 59:3 NIV, 1 Kings 2:5), the garments of the Lord stained with the blood of the wicked when he pours out His wrath in the end-time judgment (Isaiah 63:3)

Statue = Idolatry (Judges 17:3-4, MSG), earthly kingdoms (Daniel 2:34-35), worshipping man rather than God (Daniel 3:5)

Suitcase or Baggage = Travel, heavy burdens that one carries around

Table = The Lord's blessing and provision (Psalm 23:5), fellowship with the Lord (Psalm 22:26, MSG), fellowship with believers (Mark 16:14, NKJV), sitting and sharing the Gospel with non-believers (Luke 5:29), worldly abundance and luxury (Psalm 69:22, AMP), family life (Psalm 128:3), authority (Luke 22:27), *I tell you, many will come from east*

and west, and will sit at the table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 8:11, AMP), the Lord's supper (1 Corinthians 10:16, NLT), fellowship with demons through idolatry, the occult and false religions (1 Corinthians 10:20), marriage supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:9) **under the table** – a bribe (Proverbs 17:23, MSG), a deceitful plan, drunkenness **head table** – honor, authority, presumptuous pride (Luke 20:46, NLT) **overturned tables** – divine anger over corruption in the Church (John 2:15), *The Holy of Israel, says: "Just for you, I will march on Babylon. I'll turn the tables on the Babylonians. Instead of whooping it up, they'll be wailing.* (Isaiah 43:14-15, MSG), vengeance, justice

Tapestry = The beauty of the body of Christ who in its diversity are: *woven into a tapestry of love* (Colossians 2:2, MSG)

Tarot Cards, Ouija Board, Crystal Ball, Séance, Horoscope, etc = The occult (Leviticus 19:26), witchcraft, a false prophet

Telephone = Prayer, communication whether spiritual or natural

Telescope = Prophetically seeing into the future (Revelation 4:1)

Television = One's thought life, prophetic vision

Test = A difficult situation or trial which the Lord allows in a person's life in order to prove and try his/her faith, love, commitment, obedience, motives, etc (Genesis 22:1-3, AMP, Exodus 16:4, 1 Peter 1:7, AMP), "*... and you shall be kept in prison, that your words may be tested to see whether there is any truth in you*" (Genesis 42:16, NKJV), asking God for a sign as a confirmation of His will on a matter (Judges 6:39-40), the process of discerning whether a prophetic word is a true revelation from the Lord

(1 Thessalonians 5:20-22), the process in which the leadership of a Church or ministry determines whether a potential leader has the necessary character and maturity (1 Timothy 3:9-10), the process of discerning whether a person is operating in the Holy Spirit or demonic power: *"Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world"*. (1 John 4:1-3), *Examine and test and evaluate your own selves to see whether you are holding to your faith and showing the proper fruits of it. Test and prove yourselves (not Christ). Do you not yourselves realize and know (thoroughly by an ever-increasing experience) that Jesus Christ is in you--unless you are (counterfeits) disapproved on trial and rejected?* (2 Corinthians 13:5, AMP)

Thirst = *What chance do humans have? We are so terribly evil that we thirst for sin.* (Job 15:16, CEV), *As a deer gets thirsty for streams of water, I truly am thirsty for you, my God.* (Psalm 42:1, CEV)

Throne = Rulership and authority (Luke 22:30), The Lord's rule over the universe (Revelation 5:13), the kingdom of darkness (Revelation 2:13)

Torch = Guidance to get through a dark situation (Psalm 78:14), salvation radiating through the people of God (Isaiah 62:1), angelic appearance (Ezekiel 1:13), *Seven torches, which are the seven spirits of God, were burning in front of the throne.* (Revelation 4:5b), undying love, faithfulness, destruction (Revelation 8:10-11)

Towel = Servanthood (John 13:3-5), surrender, cleansing

Treasure = Israel in the eyes of the Lord (Exodus 19:5), a person in the eyes of a close friend (1 Samuel 19:1, MSG), the Lord in the eyes of His people (Job 22:25, NLT), the Word of God (Job 23:12), wisdom (Proverbs 2:3-5), knowledge (Proverbs 10:14), worldly riches (Proverbs 15:15-16), a wife

(Proverbs 18:22, NLT), the Church in the eyes of Jesus (Song of Solomon 4:9, NLT), *He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the LORD is the key to this treasure.* (Isaiah 33:6, NIV), one's children (Ezekiel 24:25, NLT), that which a person considers as the most valuable things in life; whether earthly riches or eternal blessings (Matthew 6:19-21), *A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things.* (NKJV), eternal rewards stored up in Heaven (Matthew 19:21), the power and glory of God placed inside of the children of God (2 Corinthians 4:6-7)

Trophy = Competition, victory, achievement, success

Trumpet or Shofar = A call for God's people to gather together (Isaiah 27:13), the heralding of the manifestation of the presence and glory of God (Hebrews 12:19), worship (2 Samuel 6:15), the battle cry (2 Chronicles 13:12), warning of danger (Ezekiel 33:3, Jeremiah 4:5-6), a call to repentance and fasting (Joel 2:15), pride and hypocrisy (Joel 2:15), the return of Jesus to gather His bride (Matthew 24:31), the resurrection of the dead (1 Corinthians 15:52), a call to prepare for a heavenly encounter (Revelation 4:1), the end-time outpouring of God's wrath on the wicked (Revelation 8:6-10:7)

Tuxedo = A special occasion, luxury, formality

Umbrella = The Lord as our protection from life's storms, a denomination, apostolic network or other organization that acts as a spiritual covering and offers accountability

Vacation = Time of Spiritual rest and refreshing

Video = Memories or images from the past

Wax = The enemy melting away in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 68:1-3), a person who is easily manipulated

Whip = Bondage (Exodus 5:14, NLT), the wrath of God (Isaiah 10:25-26, NLT), the healing available to us because of Jesus' suffering (Isaiah 53:5, NLT), the persecution of the righteous (Jeremiah 20:2, NLT, Matthew 10:17, NLT), punishment (1 Corinthians 4:21), someone lashing out with angry words

Wool = Purity (Isaiah 1:18), asking God to supernaturally confirm His Will on a matter (Judges 6:36-38, NIV)

Wrinkle = Sin or imperfection (Ephesians 5:27), a disagreement

X-Ray = *Test me, O Lord and try me, examine my heart and my mind* (Psalm 26:2, NIV)

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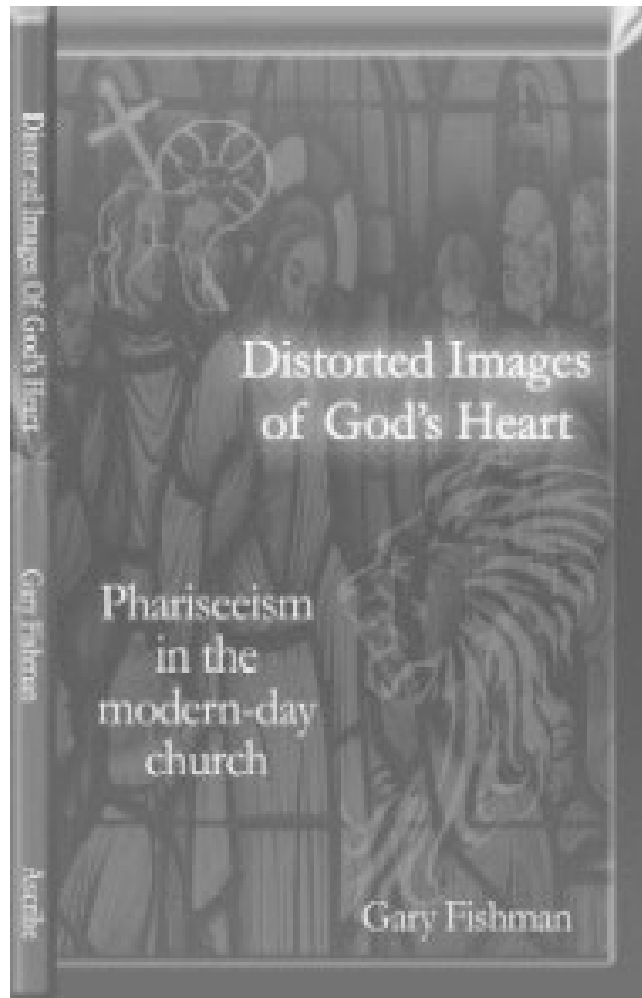
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